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Shahak blames

Hizbullah for deaths

DAVID RUDGE and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

to return fire.

ABOUT 100 Lebanese civilians

- among them scores of women

and children - were feared dead

as a result of an accidental IDF

artillery barrage yesterday on a UNIFIL headquarters com-

Scores were also wounded in

the incident, which occurred

around 2 p.m. when IDF gunners tried to hit a Hizbullah

Katyusha rocket and mortar

launching pad set up near the

compound - and missed by

By last night official sources in

Lehanon had confirmed that 75

people had been killed and around

60 wounded, some seriously, hy five direct hits on the compound.

UNIFIL sources said, however,

that the death toll was expected to

rise and might reach more than

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen.

Amnon Lipkin-Shahak had no

apologizes for the IDF shelling of

the Fijian UNIFIL battalion head-

quarters in Kafr Kana, placing all

the blame on Hizhullah for delib-

erately drawing IDF fire on the

civilians. He said there had been

no mistake in judgment and that

the shelling came in self-defense

after mortars and Katyushas were fired at IDF troops. "As far as I understand the data

now, I don't see any error io judg-

ment," Sbahak said. "We are

fighting Hizbullah. When they

fire on us, we fire back to defend

ourselves. And when they fire at

us from any place and it endan-

gers us, we will return fire at those

who endanger us. I don't know

Shahak said UNIFIL reports a

quarter of an hour before the

shelling that Hizbullah bad fired a

Katyusha from a position about

350 meters from the compound

with its civilian refugees were

any other rules."

some 350 meters.

pound in southern Lebanon.

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identical to IDF data. He said the

IDF notified UNIFIL it intended

from which we were fired upon needs to know that he is doing so

at great risk," Shahak said, adding

he would not want soldiers believ-

ing they could not return fire

To the best of my knowledge,

the moment terrorists fire from

next to their positions and the UN

fails to prevent it, it knows that

there might be return fire and takes cover," Shahak said.

deadly and difficult and regret-

ful," because more than 150 peo-

ple had congregated in two struc-tures. He offered to allow any of

the wounded into the country for

The IDF has, for the past four

days, warned UNIFIL that it had

detected Hizbullah trying to fire

Katyushas from its positions, and

Following the shelling,

Northern Command put all of its

forces on high alert and warned

the residents of the North to

remain io shelters, presuming

Hizbullah would retaliate at all

Yesterday morning, the army started sending reinforcements,

including tanks and armored per-

sonoel carriers, into southern

UNIFIL spokesman Timur

Goksel confirmed that Katyusha

rockets had been fired from a site

around 350 meters from the Fijian

headquarters. The compound was

packed with about 600 civilians

who had sought refuge there since the beginning of Operation

The IDF returned fire toward

the Katyusha launching site, but

the artillery shells - despite the

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NEW ELATERS IN IDF shelling kills 100 Lebanese civilians

Clinton calls for immediate cease-fire; Christopher to arrive Sunday

DAVID MAKOVSKY and HILLEL KUTTLER

US President Bill Clinton last night called upon all sides to agree to an immediate cease-fire following yesterday's IDF shelling, which killed scores of Lebanese civilians seeking refuge at a UNIFIL compound near

The inner cabinet, which held an emergency session, anthorized Prime Minister Shimon Peres to conduct negotiations with the US to end the crisis.

After the session, Peres said he was "pained" by the loss of civil-ian lives yesterday, but sounded undeterred in wanting to continne the campaign and blamed Hizbullah for using civilians as

Clinton is dispatching Secretary of State Warren Christopher to the Middle East to work out a set of understandings that would lead to an endoring end to this crisis," the president told reporters upon arriving in St. Petersburg, Russia, from Japan. Christopher is tentatively

scheduled to arrive on Sunday... "[Yesterday's] . events | make painfully clear the importance of bringing an end to the current violence in Lebanon," Clinton

"To achieve that goal, I call upon all parties to agree to an immediate cease-fire," he said. "An end to the fighting is essential to allow our diplomatic efforts to move forward."

US special peace coordinator and Christopher aide Dennis Ross was due to leave last night for the region, the State Department announced. He is scheduled to meet with Peres today and travel to Damascus

It remained unclear whether the UN Security Council would condemn Israel in an urgent session last night, and, if so, how the

US would vote. In remarks to reporters at the Defense Ministry after the inner cabinet meeting, Peres declared, "Hizbullah will bring a disaster upon Lebanon." He said the IDF wasn't aware that there were civilians there" and added it was the responsibility of Lebanon and Syria to prevent Hizbullah from using civilians as a shield.

"I am pained by every person, every woman, every child, who is killed. But Israel was left with no choice but to defend its citizens,"

Peres said. The prime minister cited a UN sman who said Hizbullah fired Katyushas and mortars about 350 meters from the UN position about 15 minutes before the IDF shelling. Defense Ministry officials last night expressed appreciation for UNIFIL's efficient reporting under extremely difficult circum-

At the inner cabinet meeting, sources say everyone but Environment Minister Yossi Sarid backed Peres's opinion that the campaign should not be stopped despite the killings. (Continued on Page 2)

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Fijian UNIFIL soldiers stand over the covered bodies of victims of yesterday's IDF bombardment.

The bulk of the meeting was

devoted to the PA's efforts to root

out Hamas violence, the precondi-

tion for an Israeli withdrawal from

Mohammed Dahlan and General

Security chief Amin Hindi, who are

in charge of weeding out Islamic gunmen, provided details. They

asserted, in agreement with Peres, that Iran is materially backing

Hamas and Islamic Jihad against the

PA and the peace process. "I have

Palestinian Authority is doing a seri-

ous job against Hamas," Peres said.

acknowledging that the PAhad pre-

Arafat was accompanied by

Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) who

is to head the Palestinian side in the

final status talks. The two sides

agreed to have separate discussions

on withdrawal from Hebron and

easing the closure. Arafat, who was

expected to criticize the closure

sharply, called for it to be lifted, but

acknowledged "slow steps" had

been taken by Israel to ease it. He

asked Israel to help find jobs for up

to 120,000 unemployed workers. Leila Khaled arrives in Jericho,

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vented some infiltrations.

impression that the the

Preventive Security

most of Hebron.

5 shells bring operation crashing down

MORE than 12,000 artillery shells were fired with surgical precision into Lebanon in the eight days of Operation Grapes of Wrath. The IDF had boasted of accurate hits and showed off its sophisticated weaponry, which was sup-

posed to avoid civilian casualties. 155mm. bowitzer to bring the meticulously planned operation crashing down. The shelling of innocent refugees will go down in history as the turning point in Israel's latest foray into

The government will most likely call off the

PALESTINIAN

President Yasser Arafat yesterday

reaffirmed his commitment to

change the Palestinian National

Covenant. He also said the Palestine

National Council will meet from

next Monday to Wednesday "to ful-

fill what has been agreed by our side

But, he added at a press confer-

ence after meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, "I cannot

guarantee the change in the

covenant, and you have to respect

time since the suicide bombings

seven weeks ago chilled relations.

They discussed issues such as

Hamas, the covenant, and Hebron.

which must be resolved before final

status talks start. Peres said they will

open with a ceremonial meeting on

The significance of the meeting at

the Erez checkpoint, initiated by Peres, was increased by its occur-ring on one of the bloodiest days of

Operation Grapes of Wrath, which Arafat has condemned. He said

Israel should return to the 1993

"A month of dialogue is better

than an hour of war," he said.

Peres and Arafat met for the first

concerning the covenant."

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bombardment, before any sort of truce is reached, and opt for negotiating a diplomanic will be less favorable than one reached before the world witnessed the deaths of possibly 100 civilians.

"It is a public relations disasterand it will be the end of Operation Grapes of Wrath," said Reuven Pedatzur, director of the Galilee

Center for Strategic and National Security. The option is to stop firing and to start talking. Certainly, any inevitable agreement will be far worse than it would have been."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres is under international pressure to stop the assault against ruznulan. But with elections less than six weeks away, he faces an equally agitated domestic front which wants Israel to come out of the operation with an agreement better than the unwritten understandings of 1993's Operation Accountability.

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Terrorists kill 17 Greek tourists in Cairo

CAIRO (Reuter) - Terrorists thought to be Moslem militants massacred 17 Greek tourists and an Egyptian man outside a Cairo hotel yesterday. Fifteen people, mostly Greek tourists, were wounded, hospital sources said. Four gunmen with Kalashnikov assault rifles got out of a vehicle near the

Europa Hotel on the road to the pyramids, and opened fire on Greek tourists waiting to board a bus for Alexandria at 7 a.m., security sources said. An Interior Ministry statement said the men came in a white microbus. It said 14 women and four men, including an Egyptian parking attendant, were

Police hlamed Islamic radicals for the brutal attack on the mostly elderly Greeks. They were investigating whether the victims were targeted simply as tourists or were mistaken for Israelis who were also staying at the hotel. Full report, Page 6

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UN deplores shelling, terrorists' use of civilians

THE UN Security Conneil was expected to pass a US-backed resolution last night calling for an immediate cease-fire in Lebanon and deploring yesterday's IDF shelling of Katyusha launehers near a UNIFIL position in southern Lebanon.

The resolution, which does not mention Israel. Syria, or Hizhullah by name, calls for "strict respect for the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and political independence of Lehanon." It also calls on member states to offer humanitarian assistance to the Lebanese.

UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali issued a statement yesterday saying he "deplores and condemns this shelling in the strongest possible

His spokesman, acknowledging that Hizhullah had fired first, said: "We were not aware that there was a Hizbullah position about 300 meters away. We are swamped with civilians in our UNIFIL positions."

About 5,200 people have taken refuge with UNIFIL in southern Lebanon, and 560 people **NEW YORK**

were in the headquarters of the Fijian battalion when the position was hit, the spokesman said. "This is a typical guerrilla tactic, to hide behind a civilian position," the spokesman

In the last few days, UN commanders have complained about the increasing number of air and artillery attacks close to UNI-FIL positions. "The Israelis told us they had strict orders to avoid any casualties to UNIFIL and they had been using precision weapons," the spokesman said. "Several incidents that came too close to our positions were termed 'accidental' and were blamed on equipment failure."

The UN was clearly distressed that Hizbullah had used the compound as cover. But, the spokesman noted: "We are in the same position as the Lebanese government in this situation. You have people who are guerrillas who make their own rules and what [do you] say to

Meanwhile, Israel is disturbed by a draft UN resolution aimed at stopping the hostilines in Lebanon and disappointed that Egypt has taken a leading role in promoting it. The draft does not mention Hizbullah's attacks on Israel.

"It is very unfair, unbalanced," said Minister Yossi Beilin, who was at the UN for sessions on public administration. "Sometimes, when you read these resolutions, you think that Israel got up one morning and decided to have an operation in Lebanon - that was the easiest place, so we decided to create suffering of innocent people on the other side," he told reporters late Wednesday, after meeting with Bontros-Ghali. "The situation, of course, is the other way around."

While Cairo's action was not surprising in light of its leadership role in the Arab League, Israeli Amhassador Gad Ya'acohi said be expected Cairo to be more "restrained," because Egypt is an object of Islamic fundamentalist terrorism and has itself taken "severe mea-

World slams attack on UN position

WORLD reaction to yesterday's tragedy in Lebanon looked harshly on Israel's actions. King Hussein condemned Israel's attacks on Lebanon as "criminal" and demanded an mmediate halt to the bombardments.

The state-run news agency Petra said Hussein told Lebanon's ambassador in Amman that Jordan "strongly condemned Israel's flagrant aggression and the criminal military operations inflicted on the brotherly Lebanese people."

In a separate move, Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti summoned Ambassador Shimon Shamir to protest the shelling, calling it a "massacre of innocent

British Prime Minister John Major said he

Hamas promises

'sea of blood'

HAMAS yesterday vowed to drown Israel "in a sea of blood"

if the IDF continues its onslanght against Hizbul-

Izzadin Kassam, the group's military wing, said it is

"The heart of Tel Aviv will be drowned in a new sea of

blood," it said in a leaflet faxed to an international news

agency. "We will launch a vigorous five-prong attack that

will shake Israel, whether it takes a long time or a short

regretted the shelling of the UNIFIL base and called for intensive diplomatic efforts to halt hostilities in the region.

Major did not explicitly criticize Israel for the shelling. He said he had been in touch with the leaders of France, Lebanon, Israel, and the US in the search for a solution. France said it was "stupefied" by the shelling and demanded an immediate cease-

The Foreign Affairs Ministry said in a statement that such bloody attacks can only lead to a vicious circle of more "devastation and victims."

"Persnaded that there cannot be a

military solution to the current crisis. French authorities are determined to pursue their peace efforts. They demand an immediate cease-fire while awaiting an accord resulting from the initiatives being

developed." The European Commission said it deplored the deaths and called on all sides to

stop military activity in the region.

"Violence can only serve the enemies of peace," the European Union executive said m a statement.

Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov also criticized Israel, saying Moscow is very worried about the situation in Lebanon and that he was in touch with France, Lebanon, and Syria to try and find a solution.

CLINTON

(Continued from Page 1) Sarid said in the meeting is easy to start a war, but you don't know how it will end. This is what happens when wars 20

Yet Foreign Minister Ehnd Barak insisted last night that the operation is not finished.

"I estimate that the operation will continue," Barak said. "I estimate at least a few days. But it's impossible to put a limit on it. It could take a week to 10 days."

Yet shortly after Barak's statement, the guns in Lebanon fell silent and it remains unclear how long this will last.

Minister Without Portfolio Yossi Beilin, now visiting Wash-

ington, told Israeli reporters that Jerusalem is prepared to cease its bombing campaign "without any conditions" pro-viding that Katyushas stop falling on the Galilee.

Any formal understandings between Israel, Syria, and Lebanon would be "a bonus," Beilin

Just before the shelling, Beilin had met with six Arab ambassadors and explained that Israel's actions were meant solely to protect its own citizens.

Vice President Albert Gore told visiting Knesset speaker Shevah Weiss that while he felt deep pain for the bombing victims, the US-Israeli friendship can weather difficult times.

ented operation, and I am sure

what interests Peres now is the

election. The longer the samy is

involved, the greater the chances

of more blood being shed. Peres

Opposition continues to support operation in Lebanon

FOLLOWING the accidental attack on a UNIFIL base, in which dozens of Lebanese civilians were killed yesterday, Likud leader Binyamin Netsnyahu reaffirmed the opposition's support for Operation Grapes of Wrath.

"In his action against Hizbullah [Prime Minister Shimon] Peres enjoys the opposition's full

behind the backs of civilians to

perpetrate its crimes. He argued that "the IDF is a moral army whose credo is the purity of arms, and there is no doubt that no one in the IDF intended to harm innocent civilians. IDF commanders will no doubt know how to draw the necessary conclusions from the tragedy, for which the Hizbullah is

SARAH HONIG and agencies

He cautioned that "despite all the sadness we feel, Peres must see to it that this operation does not end where it started - with a situation of terror and a lack of minimal security for the North. So long as Peres acts against Hizbullah, he will have the opposition's unstinting support.'

"The attacks on Lebanese civilians are serious and destruc-

tive. It is true that Hizbullah deliberately attacks our civilians. but the State of Israel is not able to permit itself to unintentionally attack civilians." Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said. "What is there to do? These are our enemies; this is how they fight; and we will never be like our

planning five new attacks.

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz), a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs-and Defense Committee, said that though the responsibil-ity for the disaster falls upon Hizbullah, that doesn't provide comfort In Jerusalem, about 100 Palestinian and Israeli Arab students staged a protest, chanting,

with right-wing Israelis, but the protest ended without incident. Several hundred people also attended a Hadash protest in

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"He can't finish the operation" without showing an achievement," said Shmuel Sandler, a senior research associate at Bar-Han University's BESA Center for Strategic Studies. He added. that the IDF would now be much more careful in its war on .

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is highly concerned with Israeli casualties, so undoubtedly he will hasten his attempt to finish this war," Sandler said. Elections notwithstanding, Pedatzur said he believes Peres is hypersensitive to world opinion and likely to grab at any agree-

ment he could arrange. Winning numbers and cards

In last night's Payis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket number 211974 won NIS 1,000,000.

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and 16 won NIS 20. Tickets ending in 3 and 5 won NIS 10.

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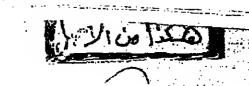
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Why can't the IDF stop the Katyushas?

BACKGROUND ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

DESPITE all of its bravado and state-of-the-art weapon systems, the IDF's attempt to stop Hizbullah from firing Katyushas into northern Israel is like a tiger trying to catch a mosquito in his

The IDF war machine is no match for the crude, World War II-era rocket. Not because the IDF can't track down their firing position, but because there is a virtually endless supply of Katvushas.

Iran supplies Hizbullah with the rockets via Syria. They range in caliber from somm. to 240mm., with the Hizbullah preferring the 122mm. size, which carries a warhead of about 10 kilograms. Each one costs between \$100 to \$300, making it the pre-ferred weapon for Hizbullah

Their point-and-fire accuracy is extremely limited, which is why they are usually fired in barrages in the target's general direction. Their top range is about 22 kilometers and they are often fired from the back of a truck. Since they only weigh about 18 kilograms each, without the tube launcher, a lone terrorist can load one on a donkey and set it up behind crevices or in undergrowth, out of the sight of hightech IDF surveillance equipment.

During Operation Grapes of Wrath, one general said IDF spotters had seen a squad of terrorists emerge from a house, set up a Katyusha, and launch it within 30 seconds. Some are set up and launched with a timer.

Once they are fired, the IDF can quickly zero in on the sight using a US-made Fire Fighter target locator. The position is logged by the computer and artillery is directed to the spot within

By then, however, the squad is often long gone and pulling out another Katyusha from the scores of arsenals hidden throughout southern Lebanon.

tame of the tame of the state of the said Arab List threatens not to support **Peres**

DEMOCRATIC Arab Party MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe yester-day threatened Prime Minister Shimon Peres with the loss of Arab support if he does not end Operation Grapes of Wrath, lift the closure on the territories, and advance the peace process with the Lebanese, Palestinians, and

Syrians.
"We are warning Shimon Peres that if he continues his policies and doesn't stop the attacks on Lebanon within 24 hours, we will call on the Arab voters to cast a blank ballot in the prime ministerial elections," Darawshe told a press conference for the United Arab List. "We intend to punish Shimon Peres for his poliagainst the Palestinian and banese nations."

He called the operation in Lebanon, "the hunger and collective punishment in the territories." and the shutting down of the Islamic Aid office in Nazareth part of a policy to harm both the Ar-

abs and the peace process.

Abdul Malek Dahmashe, No.

1 on the United Arab List, also participated in the press conference, saying that Peres's policy is weakening the Palestinian Authority and that the Israeli goverument is wasting its opportunity to continue the peace process.

Independence Day fete could be held in shelters

INDEPENDENCE Day celebrations will be held in shelters in the North line if the hostilities continue until then, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said this week.

"I very much hope that there will be quiet in the North by then, but if not, we will organize performances in the shelters and in the places to which children have been evacuated," Rubinstein said.

Teams of volunteer performers bave already been appearing in shelters all along the border, he noted, and these events will be increased for Independence Day. Haim Shapiro





Medics rush Shula Ben-Hamo yesterday to a waiting helicopter, which took her to Rambam Hospital in Baifa. She was wounded by fragments of a Katyusha that fell near the car in which she was riding in Kiryat Shmona. (Remer)

Kiryat Shmona woman wounded by Katyusha fragments

ONE woman was wounded and two other people had to be treated for shock as Hizbullah continued to rain Katyusha rockets on the Galilee vesterday.

A number of homes and other buildings, including an empty kindergarten, were badly damaged and livestock were killed in the rocket

"The residents of the North will have to be prepared to stay in the shelters for as long as they need to," Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday in Tel Aviv. "There is still no way of knowing when Operation Grapes of Wrath will end."

The Katyushas began falling just before Wednesday midnight on the Galilee Panhandie, followed a few hours later by a salvo on Western Gablee.

In the latter incident, a rocket exploded near a house, igniting cooking gas cylinders which set the building ablaze. The owner, who was sleeping in the security room, escaped unhurt. His wife and children had left the area the day

The same rocket blew out windows in a neighhoring house and a young man there was taken by ambulance to Nahariya Government Hospital for treatment for shock.

Later in the day, after people were allowed to leave bomb shelters to purchase essential items and get a breath of air. Hizbullah struck again with a spate of salvoes in the Galilee Panhandle. One Katyusha scored a direct bit on an apartment building in Kiryat Shmona, causing extensive damage. One person was treated for shock.

Another rocket exploded near a moving car. blasting out the windows and hitting a local woman passenger, Shula Ben-Hamo, 39, in the face and neck with fragments.

Shopkeeper Zion Levy, who was driving the car, said the woman had made purchases at his store and then asked him to drive her home. because she was frightened of the rocket

The fire department extinguished the blaze. When a Katyusha exploded about 30 or 40 in Hizbullah's rocket attacks.

meters away and hiew out all the windows. She was covered with glass," said Levy. Levy drove her to the Magen David Adom

emergency ward, where she was treated and later evacuated to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. The barrage continued with several more salvoes in the space of less than an hour. One rocket hit a chicken coop, killing thousands of

chickens but causing no human casualties. The bombardment continued in the afternoon as Foreign Minister Ehud Barak visited the region with a group of ambassadors and foreign diplomats. Several rockets fell in the region as journalists waited outside the Kiryat Shmona Municipality for Barak's arrival. As he was being interviewed, another two rockets

exploded nearby. No one was burt. In one of the attacks, a building and a kindergarten were hit and badly damaged, although

both were empty at the time. As darkness fell, residents remaining in confrontation line towns and communities prepared to spend yet another night in bomb shel-

Damage to North so far: NIS 70m.

DIRECT and indirect damage to the North during the first week of Operation Grapes of Wrath has been estimated at some NIS 70 million, tax authorities announced vesterday.

Some NIS 20m. in direct damage was caused to about 1,100 structures, including apartments in Kiryat Shmona and Nahariya, public buildings, and factories. Another NIS 3m. in direct damage was caused to agriculture.

The remainder of the damage caused by daily Katyusha strikes some NIS 50m. - was the indirect loss of production and income caused to various

In response, Commissioner Doron Levy decided to double the ceiling on advances on compensation paid by the government for indirect damage to businesses to NIS 4,000. The advance does not cover wages, which are to be paid at the beginning of May.

Levy also issued a further extension of the filing time for tax payments to April 30. Other payments. including assessments and fines, have been suspended until May 15. Confrontation line residents now have until May 31 to file their income tax returns.

Government to fund evacuated northern residents' lodgings

DAVID RUDGE and Jerusalem Post Staff

THE government has hudgeted NIS 3 million to fund the continued stay of evacuated residents of the North in hotels throughout the country, the Tourism Ministry has announced.

As of Tuesday some 2,000 residents from the region had been lodged in approximately 500 hotel rooms provided by the Hotel Association at a symbolic nightly rate. Thousands more are currently awaiting placement in additional botel rooms and the ministry has set up a task force to find places for them in hotels and kibhutz guest

bouses. Kiryat Shmona Municipality worker Avraham Buzaglo matches up families wishing to leave the town and places that are available.

'According to our estimates there are about 7,000 to 8,000 people still in Kiryat Shmona, many of whom have no desire to leave whatsoever, but some do and we have problems now in finding places for those who want to get away for a while," Buzaglo said.

'We now bave on our lists 183

families, some of them with many children, and we are looking for places or institutions willing and able to take them in so they can get away for a while," be said.

"We bave received hundreds of offers from families throughout the country willing to host residents of Kiryat Shmona, which is very heartwarming. Unfortunately they don't always have the space or ability to take in large families.

"We have received a lot of belp from the IDF, the Jewish Agency, hotels, kibhutzim, and places that have been found through the auspices of the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office. But we still need more places for the higger families and those families who want to be together and for others who bave been staying in places like youth bostels but who are now having to move out hecause the space is required."

Institutions or people willing to host families from the region can contact Buzaglo at (050)

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A blood-drenched reminder

TESTERDAY was a blood-drenched day in the Middle East. In Egypt, 17 Greek tourists were massacred by Islamic terrorists. The killers may have believed their victims were Israelis: they had just arrived from Israel, and were staying in a hotel frequented by Israelis. But the identity of the victims was clearly of secondary importance; the Egyptian Islamists' main purpose is to lopple the Mubarak regime. Their terror campaign, which was slowed down by the determined efforts and draconian measures of Egypt's security services, obviously still poses a serious internal

The tragic event in Lebanon was of a more complicated nature. The Hizbullah, knowing that IDF artillery uses sophisticated technology 10 direct its shells against Katyusha launchers immediately after they are fired, placed such a launcher at the edge of a refugee camp near a UNIFIL station. The stratagem worked all too well. The Israeli shells, fired by long-range artillery in response to a Katyusba salvo, missed their target by 300 meters and killed scores of

men, women and children. Even the most optimistic observers cannot view such events as harbingers of regional peace, let alone a new Middle East. The horrors can only be described as acts of war; not a fullscale confrontation between armies, hut a "low intensity" war of attrition waged hy guerrillas and terrorists.

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak was explicit yesterday about the inevitability of such horrors. In war, be said, tragic mistakes which cost the lives of civilians cannot be avoided. That Hizhullah should cynically invite such a tragedy is a measure of its callousness and brutality. But justly blaming the Shi ite fanatics for the carnage does not change a simple truth; regardless of the sophistication and accuracy of "smart" bombs and guided missiles, no war can be truly surgical and hygienic.

Not can war be won hy remote control, through long-range artillery and air power alone. That is why to scoff at the importance of territory and strategic depth in the missile age is to hetray childish irresponsibility. And if Israel wants to achieve anything like an effective cease-fire in the North through strictly military means, it will have to act on the ground to remove the Hizbullah from the area. This will involve risking the lives of Israeli soldiers. something the government is understandably

unwilling to do at this point.

Yet even a military operation on the ground may not achieve the quiet Israel wants. The only key to such quiet is in the hands of the Syrians, Hizhullah's sponsors. Killing replaceable Hizbullah cadres and destroying the organization's installations will be effective only for a limited time. Only Syria can effectively stop the operations of its proxy army.

But Syria has nothing to gain from curbing Hizbullah, and much to gain from the impression that only a peace agreement on Syrian terms can bring the end to attacks from Lebanon. Unfortunately, both the US and Israel seem to concur. Time and again they bave asserted that only a comprehensive peace treaty with Syria can solve the Lehanese problem.

Neither Washington nor Jerusalem seems to want to use a stick rather than a carrot to achieve calm on the border. Syria is occupying Lehanon in defiance of international law and in violation of its agreement with the Arab states. It is a leading world trader in drugs grown in Lebanon, and it sponsors terrorist groups. Yet the US bas ruled out the idea of threatening Syria with the kind of sanctions it has initiated against Iraq and Libya if Damascus fails to stop its proxy attacks on Israel. With infinite faith in Assad's good intentions, it bopes to achieve results by making endless pilgrimages to Damascus.

Both the US government and Israel seem convinced that what is happening in Lebanon is no more than an unfortunate glitch on the way to comprehensive, utopian peace. Some think of Syria's dictator Hafez Assad as an anachronism, a throwhack to the old Middle East who will have to be goaded into recognizing the new facts of life. But the faith in a happy ending seems to be shared by both capitals.

It may be wiser to view yesterday's events in Cairo and Lebanon as representing regional reality, not an aberration. This does not mean that there have been no promising changes in the area. Nothing can be static in today's world. But the hasic conflicts and irreconcilable differences have not disappeared, and they tend to produce death and destruction, not the "happy neighborliness" envisioned by Prime Minister Shimon Peres. To gamble the fate of a nation on the chance that these fundamental conflicts will be swept away by the impact of Western influence, the momentum of economic promise, and the sheer will power of enlightened Israeli leaders is nothing short of reckless.

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New tests & the time factor

ARIEL SHARON

Lebanon.

free of all terrorist groups.

There would be no need for a

permanent IDF or SLA presence

SRAEL faces three main challenges along its northern bor-

• It must make its northern towns and villages totally free from hos-tile fire. Nothing less will do, since even a single Karyusha rocket is a disruption of life and ravages the economy.

It must ensure against IDF and South Lebanese Army soldiers serving as targets for lerrorists. particularly Hizbullah.

The "understandings" this government approved after Operation Accountability failed to include a cease-fire within the zone itself which was tantamount to legitimizing attacks on IDF and SLA soldiers. Our forces have indeed sustained heavy casualties since then. It must stop the return of terrorists and arms to South Lebanon. Clearly, we cannot mount a major operation each time firing is

The government asserts almost hourly that we have all the time in the world - but the situation is quite different.

Our honeymoon with the countries of Europe, and even with our friend the US, is bound to be a brief affair. Soon criticism of Israel will get harsher, forcing the government to adopt hasty decisions before the execution of the current plan is completed.

How do we find a suitable answer to Israel's problems in the north? How does the government want this situation to end? Is it prepared to go along with armed

THE man sits there in

ther suffer nor be held to account.

The contrary: in the latest Arab-

Israeli conflict. Syria will be the

Assad knows that without bis

approval not an anti-people rocket

or anti-tank missile reaches the

Lebanese Hizbullah from his own

stocks or in transit from bis

Iranian ally, Hizbullah communi-

cations, transport and transfer of

funds from abroad depend on him.

Through Syria's occupation of

Lebanon this and the very ground

Hizbuilah uses as its base is con-

Three years ago, he promised to

prevent Hizbullah attacks against

Israel as long as Israel did not first

hit Hizbullah villages in Lebanon.

Hizbullah broke that agreement

several times, with his approval, but when it did it again after the

suicide bombing, the Israeli Labor

government had to retaliate fierce-

ly or go down to defeat in next

month's elections. Assad knew

that, as did everybody in the

trolled hy Assad.

only winner, exactly as planned.

knowing a great deal.

Hizbullah units and Katyushas remaining in South Lebanon? Will

it allow more Hizbullah forces to enter the zone after a brief period

What is needed isn't the shortterm "victory" the government so badly wants, but an end to bostile actions by Hizbullah until the conclusion of a peace agreement with

gets anywhere in the world. In sum, the cease-fire would have to be total. Anything short of that would be To ensure that none of the Galilee communities can come under fire.

a grave moral and practical error: Israel should also declare the it would make continued attacks on our troops inevitable, and ensure renewed fighting. That's Nabanye platean up to the very limit of the Katyushas' range a "security zone" which must remain how the current round began.

action against Israeli or Jewish tar-

Only after a comprehensive cease-fire is established should the return of South Lebanon's population to their homes be permitted. And that should be done selectively. Hizbullah and other terrorists would not be allowed back. Nor would the residents of villages known for decades to have engaged in anti-Israel activity. They would have to wait for a complete change of atmosphere in

South Lebanon. Should an agreement come about, under international supervision, Israel would have to insist on participating in the effort to prevent the return of terrorists to the area.

Following Grapes of Wrath. Israel will have the opportunity to change the situation along the northern border. Tranquillity created by a new agreement and different deployments and methods of action could also help the peace process on that border.

We must not miss this opportunity. And we must remember that the sand in the hourglass is run-

The writer, a Likud MK, is a former defense minister.

Most important is the current

basic attitude towards Assad in

Both governments have con-vinced themselves that he is

essential to peace in the Mideast.

That is dubious, also known as

baloney, now that other Aral

states have managed to survive the

shock of dealing with Israel.

Israeli and American govern-

ments want to believe that if he

takes back the Golan and signs a

peace paper, zip - he will drive

fellow terrorists, the Palestinian

bands, from Damascus, cease

using Hizbullah and Iran as proxy

warriors, and forever accept Israel

as a neighbor destined to become

more powerful economically and

politically in his own backyard,

whatever the danger this would

hold for his dictatorship, hence his

If you believe that fantasy, it is

own neck.

Washington and Jerusalem.

in this zone, only for taking action if the terrorists renew their firing. I made this proposal II years WHAT, then, is to be done? ago. Then, regrettably, domestic An opportunity has been created An opportunity has been created

The question is: Will Israel take it? through Operation Grapes of Wrath, which bas emptied South Lebanon's towns and villages of their populations, to redress the

through Operation Grapes of Wrath.

few kilometers to the Litani River, South Lebanon's natural frontier. This new border would prevent Katyushas reaching most northern Israeli settlements; and while deploying on the Litani line, Israel should ensure the expulsion from the area of the bundreds of Hizbullah gunmen and Palestinian terrorists remaining in South

historic error of Prime Minister

Peres's first government in 1985

by widening the security zone a

political considerations prevented its adoption. Such a new deployment would require fewer forces and be easy to implement.

Should there be a new agreement, it must be different from the previous "understandings."

The terrorist organizations would have to undertake not to strike at northern Israeli settlements, nor at the villages in the. South Lebanon security belt area. And acting against the IDF or SLA would be forbidden.

Moreover, all the signatories to this agreement would have to commit themselves to refraining from

Syria: The winner in Lebanon

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OFFENSIVE ARTICLE much more than the Jewish new

year. The reference to the breed of

Jews which the writer attacks as

being merciless murderers, is anoth-

er subject. In other contexts, Mr.

Lapid has defined such people as not

being Jews. I would tend to agree

that these are not Jewish qualities,

but I object to him mentioning such

people who may not even exist. The

fact that one young, Jewish, so-

called religious person murdered

our prime minister is a tragedy of

unspeakable dimensions, but I be-

lieve he is an aberration and does

not represent anyone. If Mr. Lapid

knows of Jews who are "preparing

atrocities" in the name of God, be

should turn over this information to

the oroper authorities rather than

sow seeds of hatred amongst readers

terwards. (Could this have been in-

citement to murder?) At the Eich-

mann trial, the prosecutor claimed to

speak on behalf of the six million

dead, although legally he was speak-

ing only on behalf of the State of

Israel, its citizens and its laws. There

was more of this at the Demjaniuk

trial, and by now it seems to have

become an established fashion.

Could someone like the minister of

justice please explain to them the

difference between a court case. a

poetry reading, an educational lec-ture, and Bible study?

themselves don't provide democratic rights and privileges to those who

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intelligence. Do they think that we

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clear duty to disallow publication of

items which are clearly designed to

incite. All the more so after the

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with his accusations

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STICK TO FACTS

Sir. - I refer to Yosef Lapid's oped of April 5, "An ultimatum to God." I find it offensive because it was written hy an intelligent and influential journalist. Mr. Lapid is entitled to his opinion but in the case of the god be believes in or doesn't believe in, it would be preferable if he kept his opinion to himself.

Mr. Lapid defines the concept of God in referring to the genius of Moses which created monotheism. If be is speaking about Biblical history, what about Abraham? To refer to the accomplishments and glories of the Jewish people as the ultimate god-like qualines in which he believes is, in my opinion, racist, and an insult to the Creator of the universe who created all beings.

To reduce Israel's God to one that 'worries only about Jews" and to say He is not imiversal or cosmopolitan shows Mr. Lapid's ignorance about Rosh Hashana which is so

Sir, - The trial of Yigal Amir was

fair and the verdict just. Only could

the judges please stop quoting Bia-

lik. Natan Yonatan, Leah Goldberg.

Yevtushenko, Albert Camus and

above all, the Bible, and suck to the

facts and to the laws of the State of

Israel? One might get the impression

that Israeli justice is based on a

mixture of law, poetry (why did they

leave Shakespeare out? he was very

good on those subjects), and the

Bible (in which case why not leave

though legally innocent, was brand-

ed in court as having "sold his soul

to the devil," and killed shortly af-

Sir. - The advertisement pub-

lished at huge expense by an organi-

zation calling itself "Americans for

the safeguarding of democracy in Israel' (March 29) constitutes for

your paper a further descent into the

Did this organization attack refi-

gious racist-fascist bigots who creat-

ed the climate for one of them to

murder our democratically elected

prime minister? Did they rush to

defend the consequences of the re-

sults of the last elections? Like hell

Ginsburgh, is a declared anti-demo-

crat. Democracies which defend

They man they defend, Rabbi

This is not a new thing. Kastner,

it to rabbinical courts?).

FALSE ANALOGY

Sir. - Bruce Brill uses a false analogy ("A Pessah issue," April 1) by comparing Jonathan Pollard's case with that of Captain Alfred Dreyfus. Dreyfus was proven innocent of passing French classified information to a foreign power. Pollard was found guilty of passing US classified information to Israel.

Furthermore, for Brill to argue that the Nuremberg Judgments required him (Pollard) to act on behalf of potential innocent victims (Israelis), is misusing the intent of the London Agreement that established the Nuremberg trials.

No less a legal expert than former US Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas. in his 1968 book Concerning Dissent and Civil Disobedience. said that the drafters of the London Agreement "thought that they were directing their efforts only at punishing those who willingly participated in extreme outrages, such as deliherate murder of a civilian population. apart from that which is always incideat to war."

While Pollard's superiors may have been unethical in their actions. such behavior does not fit the intent

POSTSCRIPTS of the London Agreement.

CHAIM LANGERT

Mideast.

Jerusalem.

Sir, - It is scandalous that Basic Laws can be passed by just a few MKs present. There should be a Law stating that Basic Laws must be passed by a minimum of 100 MKs present.

KNESSET ABSENTEEISM

In general, the sight of an almost empty Knesset at important deliberations is a disgrace. It is hard to understand why MKs don't consider their duty to be present at all Knesset sessions. Why should they behave differently from workers and employees in industrial and commercial enterprises, which would collapse if such absenteeism took

Two steps are required to remedy this deplorable situation: first, the salary of the MK absent without valid reason should be subject to a deduction for the period of his absence. Second, an MK who repeatedly absents himself from the Knesset should lose his seat.

DR. JACOB ROSIN

A. M. ROSENTHAL Damascus, watching Lebanese and Israelis killing each other, saying not much but

Washington and Israel know all The Hizbuilah rocket attacks and about Syria's role. No problem the tough Israeli counterattacks he can count on both to come back created precisely what president after the election, if Labor is Hafez Assad warned - a new armed returned, asking him to sign a peace treaty and offering the confrontation with Israel, a proxy war in which his country will nei-Golan Heights as payoff.

His confidence is soundly based. Whatever offense the Syrian dictatorship commits, the

"nieces of stale meat thrown on the sidewalks of Palestine."

West, Israel and the Arab Mideast

Assad's dictatorship governs through persuasion. On thousands of political prisoners he has used such persuasion techniques as electric shocks, forced insertion of objects in the rectum, and a Syrian specialty: "the use of a chair that bends backwards to asphyxiate the victims or to fracture the spine," to

The US and Israel know about Assad's role. But they let him get away with it

generally do nothing.

He broke his promise to the

Arabs to get out of Lebanon. Nothing. He murdered tens of thousands of his countrymen when they challenged his rule in the Syrian city of Hama, Nothing. He made Damascus the capital of Palestinian terrorists.

The US placed Syria on the list of terrorist nations. But its leaders made Assad an object of pilgrimage - canceling out as a fat noth-

The Palestinian terrorist Ahmed Jibril broadcasts from Damascus, and with Syria's consent thoughtfully offers every "Zionist settler" a choice: Get out, or become

quote from a report hy the State Department's valuable Human Rights bureau.

HOW DOES he get away with it? For one thing, he is plain smarter at the Mideast game than any and all Americans since Henry Kissinger.

Syria either, did keep him contained and worried by bolding onto the Golan Heights. But ever since they agreed to give it up. they don't have much to bargain with, do they, and of course they cannot emphasize the total double-crossing unworthiness of the man they want to give it to.

not hard to believe that Hizbullah rockets and the Israeli counterattack is just a matter between Israel and some Lebanese guerrillas, with Assad just looking on, all The Israelis, not all geniuses on

You can even believe that in Ahmed Jibril's pre-monitored broadcasts from Damascus be speaks for himself, and not his master in the presidential palace, about those Jewish pieces of meat on the sidewalk.

(Courtesy of The New York Times)

THE WAY Robert Phillips saw it, the armed carjackers were going to kill him anyway, so be had to try something.

He crashed his sports car into a

parked truck, allowing him a chance to escape and leaving one of his teenage abductors dead. "I honestly feel very strange

about that," said Phillips, who was saved by the car's only air bag. "But I have a hard time hurting for him."

Authorities said Phillips, of Tallahassee, Florida, will not be Two teenagers took Phillips'

wallet at gunpoint outside a restaurant ordered him into his car and told him to drive them to his Phillips said they planned to

use his bank card to make a withdrawal, and he feared, "They were intent on removing me from the equation."

Phillips swerved the car into a parked semi-truck. His airbag inflated and he fled unharmed. The teens were pinned inside and had

to be cut out by rescuers. Aviance Mitchell, 16, died; Abraham Washington, also 16, was not seriously hurt and was charged with kidnapping and

carjacking.

PALEOLITHIC WORKERS who lived in what is now Syria used a heat-treated, naturally occurring asphalt to glue their stone tools onto wooden handles, the earliest known example of such a practice, new research suggests. The finding, from an archeological site between the Palmyra and Euphrates rivers, pushes back by more than 30,000 years the first known use of gine.

French and Syrian researchers came to that conclusion after analyzing two stone tool heads from the Syrian site, called Umm el-Tiel. Both implements had black residue covering all but the cutting edges, suggesting a tar-like substance had been used to help attach the stonea to handles. Atomic dating indicated the tools were made about 40,000 BCE.

AN APPARENT Chinese New Year's prank threw a Canadian Airlines flight from Hong Kong to Vancouver into chaos when a rat got loose on the plane.

The rat escaped from a catering container shortly after the jet

Alarmed at the prospect of a trans-Pacific journey with a rat loose among the passengers, the pilot rerouted the flight to Tokyo where the 256 travelers were put on another Vancouver flight. The original plane was flown back to Vanconver without passengers, but with aeveral strategically placed rat traps.

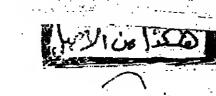
"We don't know if it was a joke associated with Chinese New Year, but it's a pretty obvious coincidence since this is the Year of the Rat," an airline spokesman

The hapless rat was caught and the airline is now questioning its catering company. "I guess we should be grateful it was not the WHEN THE New York Historical Society received a "training" electric chair from the executioner'a department of the state prison for an exhibition, something was not quite right.

Mary Beth Betts, curator of the exhibition of fahled New York murders, picked up sinister vibes. "There was an air about it," she says, "that led us to suspect it had been used "?

There had, indeed, been a bureaucratic snafu. Prison officials confirm ed that the chair was indeed a real "Old Sparky," and had been the instrument of execution of 27 men. Or, explained the prison official, it may have been 26, because one victim was later found alive and it is uncertain whether he died before or after he was taken back from the

mortnary for a second jolt. Since it was too much trouble to ship chairs back and forth across the state, the museum has Year of the Horse," the spokes- kept the real thing complete with its ghostly miasma.





they did.

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Reversal of priorities

ENRY Kissinger opens his first book on international politics with the observation: "Those ages which in retrospect seem most peaceful were least in search of peace. Those whose quest for it seems unending appear least able to achieve tranquility.

Kissinger was writing about European politics. But his analysis could easily be applied to Israel's situation

Why has the Labor government, after all its conciliatory policies toward Syria, had to initiate two major military operations in Lebanon? When addressing the Lebanon problem, Prime Minister Peres prefers to stress the role of Iran (over which he has no control) rather than that of Syria (with which he has been negotiating). Yet Syria is the critical factor

controlling the situation on the ground today.

If Syria wanted to corb Hizbullah but Iran wanted to continue attacking Israel, Hizbullah's attacks would end. Indeed, Syria has overseen the disarming of every Lebanese militia - with the exception of Hizbullah

And if Iran wanted to curb Hizbullah but Syria wanted the attacks to continue, the attacks would continue.

For Syria, Hizbullah terrorism has one central purpose. Since Damascus has no real mil-

itary option on the Golan Heights, the main instrument for forcing a political settlement on Israel, on Syrian terms, is terrorism against Israeli soldiers in the security zone and against Israeli civilians in the

The critical error Israel has made in negotiating with Syria has been its accepting the rules of the game President Assad has established for negotiations: that terrorism is a legitimate instrument of diplomacy for winning

Even today Syria's preference is to restore the Operation Accountability understandings that only temporarily limited terrorism to the security zone, but did not rule it out entirely.

THERE ARE two basic options in on a policy that would first insist

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this situation.

First, the Peres government can say that the problem of Hizbullah will only be solved in the long term in the context of a larger political settlement with Syria.

In other words, Israel hands over the Golan and obtains from Syria both a formal peace and, hopefully, an end to Hizbullah terrorism. According to this scenario, peace is the objective, and security a possible by-product.

Would this work? For Assad, terrorism would still remain in principle a legitimate means of obtaining Syrian diplomatic goals.
With Turkey, the Syrian leader
nses PKK terrorism to obtain

more water from the Euphrates

As Henry Kissinger warned. peace tends to elude those who pursue it as a primary objective

River. Turkey and Syria have diplomatic relations and a November 1993 agreement against terrorism. Syria simply violates its agreements, while Turkey continues to fight Kurdish terrorists from northern Syria. Assad also uses terrorism

against Jordan. In 1994-95, there

were 164 infiltration attempts from Syrian territory across the Jordanian border. Syria and Jordan also have diplomatic relations. They have

formal peace - but it is peace

without security. After making peace with Israel, why shouldn't Assad resume terrotism by proxy to obtain more water from the Banyas River or from Lake Kinneret? After all, the quality of any peace between Israel and the Arab states surely cannot be superior to the peace that exists among the Arab states

A better option would be based

on changing Assad's rules.

Israel must reject the idea that

Hizbullah terrorism is a legitimate part of the negotiating process. Instead, Assad must be given a clear choice: If he wants good relations with the West, his terrorism must be halted; if be wants to maintain the terrorism option, he risks facing the same fate as Iran and other rogue states - containment, and even economic sanc-

Unless Syria is reformed before the peace process advances, any understandings reached at the end of Operation Grapes of Wrath will

fall apart. Syria will permit Hizbullah to rebuild its infrastructure in Lebanon. And should the negotiations deadlock on the question of normalization or Israeli early-warning stations, Katyushas will again fly into Kiryat Shmona.

To obtain this change regarding Syria, Israel needn't go to war with Assad; it needs to use its international diplomatic influence correctly.

Israel's most stable peace relationships - with Egypt and Jordan - were not negotiated while Israelis were under fire or facing a terrorist threat. Terrorism was not part of the negotiations. Terrorism cannot be part of the Syrian-Israeli peace process either.

But to bring about this change, Israel will have to reverse its priorities. It cannot obtain security hy merely obtaining a formal peace; it must first obtain security. Then peace can follow.

Kissinger's warning needs to be seriously considered: "Whenever peace... bas been the primary objective of a power or a group of wers, the international system has been at the mercy of the most ruthless member. Whenever the international order has acknowledged that certain principles could not be compromised, even for the sake of peace, stability based on an equilibrium of forces was at least conceivable."

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The never-ending story

OU might walk past it a thousand times - even tread directly upon it - and yet you would probably never take note of it. Amid the silent hills and grassy quietude of Mt. Herzl, a gentle spring wind blows over the grave of one Baruch Shapiro. Barely an echo of his

name remains. But the story of Baruch Shapiro, now itself buried by the years, begs to be retold. For his story mirrors the struggle of a whole people, encapsulating what it means to live – and die – as a proud Jew in the modern State of

Baruch was the last remaining son of Chaim Shapiro, native of Cracow and survivor of Auschwitz. By a combination of faith, strength, and luck, Chaim lived through the unspeakable bell of the death camp, emerging from it along with his son Baruch.

Chaim's wife and five other sons were less fortunate. They perished together with the multitudes of Jews we now refer to as the Six Million.

In a pitiful state, confused and shattered, father and son came here, along with thousands of other remnants of the ovens, to build a new life and restore hope. But their dream of piecing together a new beginning would have to be delayed.

Arriving on the shores of Palestine, young Baruch - now 18 years old - was handed a gun and a uniform, and drafted into what would become the Israel Defense Forces. There were those wbo planned to finish what the Nazis had begun, and a new war was about to erupt. Chairn watched his son go off to

war along with the other young men, and he tried to put his fears and foreboding out of his mind, busying bimself with the difficult task of hewing out a place in the gritty new country now battling for its first breaths of air. It was in the latter stages of the STEWART WEISS

War of Independence that Baruch Shapiro fell, on the road to Jerusalem, defending the capital. He had distinguished himself throughout the war, and died guarding his post from enemy

When a young captain informed Chaim of the death of his son, the father uttered not a word. He simply nodded silently and folded the official notification over and over in his hand. Many hundreds of friends and

comrades came to Baruch's funeral. The chief of staff was also there, for he had heard of the young man's distinguished service in his unit.

The crowd looked on in horror, sure the father had lost his mind. Clearly the enormity of the loss of his last remaining child had finally pushed bim over the

Those standing closest to Chaim tried to calm him down, to console him. The chief of staff put his arms around him and urged him to sit down. But Chaim pushed the general away, and carried on singing and dancing.
After several minutes, the elder-

ly man turned to the crowd and began to speak:

"I am sure you think I have gone quite mad," be began. "But I can every voice in the cemetery was assure you that I am in complete raised in a surrealistic song of An overwhelming sense of loss control of my faculties. I know sadness and joy, the tears of

yon think it outrageous that I

The crowd stood mesmerized

"You see." the father went on.

when the rest of my family were

murdered in Poland by the

Germans, their lives ended in

silence. They vanished, in the wink of an eye. They were snuffed

could be more appropriate.

At his son's burial, the old man began to sing and dance. People looked on in dismay, sure he had lost his mind

pervaded the day, for those assembled knew of the unique circumstances of the Shapiro family and wished to demonstrate their solidarity with the aging father whose family line had come to a sudden. tragic end.

DURING the brief ceremony, Chaim remained silent. He listened impassively as the appropriate Psalms and prayers were recited and as Baruch's commanding officer eulogized him as an exemplary soldier.

But when the flag-draped body was lowered into the grave. Chaim Shapiro suddenly began to sing, quietly at first, then more

He sang "Am Yisrael Hai" over and over. Then he began to dance. grabbing some of Baruch's friends and pulling them into a

out like candles, and no ooe saw or heard. No one took notice of who they were, what they had done, or what their lives had

> an empty and barren experience, containing only sadness and regret. It was a waste of precious

"But this son," Chaim contin-

"To live and die in Poland was

ued, pointing at the grave, "this son is different,

Baruch lived to walk upon the holy earth of Eretz Yisrael, and he died defending Jerusalem -Jerusalem! - a place we never dreamed we would see in our lifetimes. Baruch gave his life for all the people of Israel, so they could be free, and safe, and indepen-

That is not the waste of a life, It is the celebration of a life - and that is why I sing today, as I say

shalom to my son. And that is why all of you should sing with me." With that Chaim Shapiro began to sing "Am Yisrael Hai" once more, and the assembled throng began to join in, until each emotion mingled on every

For a long time they sang thus together, until the hills of Jerusalem themselves seemed to be joining in the chorus.

You might walk past the grave of Baruch Shapiro a thousand rimes - even tread directly upon it - and prohably take no notice. A gentle wind blows on the grave, should sing at my boy's burial, but and the story of Baruch Shapiro is I want to explain wby nothing no more than a fading memory, a distant echo.

But the epic story of the Jewish people goes on, unabated. It is a story written in the blood of our young men and women, on pages of pain and heroism, engraved in stone with quills of iron will.

That story describes a profound stoicism and suffering, one that that cannot be contained. It must inevitably burst out into song and dance, until we all affirm: Am Yisrael Hai.

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Wanted: A spin doctor

WEN before Operation MARKA. HELLER paign, but not so much that it encourages the adversary to per-Grapes of Wrath began, it was clear that the campaign would eventually end not with the physical destruction of Hizbullah. but with some kind of negotiated agreement

The major question was whether Israel's bargaining position would be strong enough to produce a substantially better situation than that preceding the start of the operation, or whether we would have to settle for some arrangement which out a temporary lid on the cycle of violence but left the equation on the northern border essentially unchanged.

The strategy to achieve a positive outcome is based on military force, but it contains a built-in contradiction.

On the one hand, Israel must apply pressure on the Lebanese population to get the Lebanese. government to pressure the Syrian government, with American encouragement, to rein in Hizballah.

On the other hand, Israel must not appear to be using force so ruthlessly, gratuitously or disproportionately that it will be required by nonmilitary considerarious to stop before the objective

Given this contradiction, the success of the strategy depends on the continuing availability of time and credible escalation threats. These will be available only if the political context remains permissive as the operation unfolds.

Consequently information, and especially TV images, are not just a subordinate adjunct to the military effort. They are an integral part of the strategy, and indeed the crucial factor in determining whether or not the campaign achieves its objectives.

There is some indication that the centrality of information was recognized and, perhaps for the first time, factored into the planning of the campaign. This, together with the government's demnnstrated willingness to try diplomacy first, explains why a tolerant political environment has persisted longer than many expected it would.

Nevertheless, the contradiction inherent in the use of force remains the Achilles' heel of this operation (and perhaps others in the future), and problems in the information effort need to be

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addressed if it is to register anything more than minor and shortlived gains. The foremost problem is one of coordination.

The day has long since passed when a democratic country like Israel could really manage to control the flow of war news. The development and proliferation of communications technologies mean that events considered important by the media will be reported, especially when the battlefield is nearby and accessible from the other side.

Yet it is possible to ensure a minimal degree of consistency in support of the political objective.

> A politically sensitive military operation needs information coordination at the highest level

or at least to minimize the damage ecable developments.

INFORMATION is inevitably aimed at multiple audiences, and the appropriate messages in each instance are not necessarily consistent with one another.

To take only the most ohvious example, the current campaign requires Israel to project an image of strength and determination, not only to the Israeli public, but also to the Lebanese public and Lebanese and Syrian leaders, whose decisions Israeli power is meant to influence; in the latter case, it may even be useful to hint at some degree of irresponsibility, if not nurright

instability. But Israel also needs to cultivate an entirely different image - of sensitivity and self-restraint - if it is to ward off pressure to stop before an acceptable outcome is in reach, and to minimize other costs, such as alienation of those Arab and Moslem countries with whom relations have just begun to improve. It needs to show some vulnerability to justify the cam-

sist and frightens off tourists and foreign investors.

It is not possible to fashion an information strategy that resolves all these contradictions and satisfies every need. And it is neither possible nor desirable to twist the truth. But we can determine priorities among competing needs and make decisions concerning the timing and content of both initiarives and responses to the inevitable accidents of war, like yesterday's shelling of a UNIFIL compound, killing scores of Lebanese civilians and UN peace-

At the very least, better coordination might make it possible to avoid a situation in which the media carry features about the firepower of the Artillery Corps on the same day they are reporting the bombing of a Lebanese ambu-

A wide variety of organizations and institutions are normally involved in information work the Government Press Office, the Foreign Ministry, the spokesmen and foreign liaison offices of other ministries, and the chief censor, as well as the IDF Spokesman's Office - and however qualified and dedicated the individuals working in them may be, their perspectives are necessarily limit-

A politically sensitive military operation demands a degree of coordination which cannot be left to any of these structures, not even the IDF, whose operational and/or security considerations may well be perfectly valid in their own right, but still fail to conform to the larger strategic requirements

of the campaign. Effective coordination can only bappen at the very top of the decision-making structure, where the broadest political perspective pre-

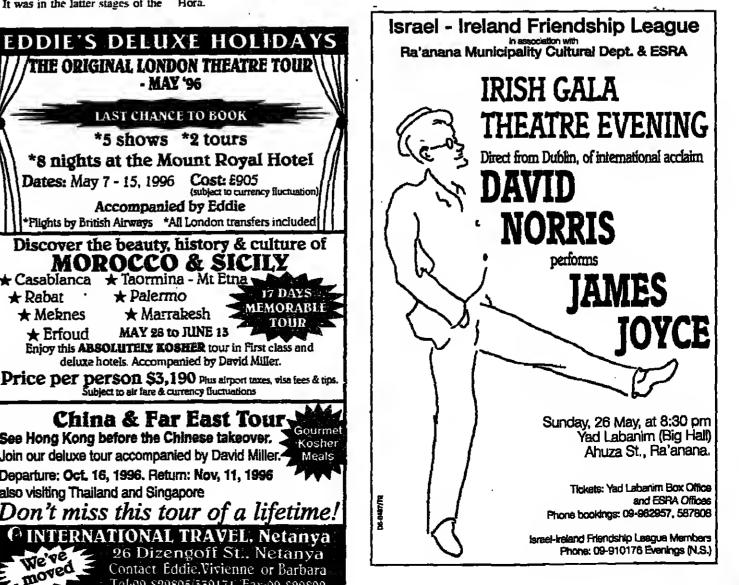
Israel does not need a Ministry of Information. But when it wages a campaign like Grapes of Wrath, it needs an information coordinator who can act with the direct guidance and backing of the prime minister himself.

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Lebanon crisis hangs over Moscow summit

MOSCOW (Reuter) - World leaders headed for Russia vesterday for a nuclear safety summit, but the escalating death toll in Lebanon seemed sure to thrust the growing Middle East crisis onto the agenda

President Bill Clinton, who earlier left Tokyo, was flying to the St Petersburg and was due to arrive

He will head to Moscow today for the meeting of the Group of Seven rich industrialized nations, Russia and Ukraine.

The summit has been called to boost East-West cooperation to reduce the risk of nuclear disaster 10 years after the Chemobyl disaster and to give President Boris Yeltsin a helping hand in his campaign for re-election.

But there was certain to be an air of urgency to discussion of the Middle East on the sidelines of the

"What has happened (the strike on refugees) is certain to cast a shadow," said one Western diplomat in Moscow.

Clinton and French President Jacques Chirac, who is co-chairing the nuclear summit with Yeltsin. will discuss joint US and French diplomatic efforts to end the crisis. Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov criticized Israel

yesterday and said Moscow was

also making diplomatic efforts to

solve the crisis. "What is happening in Lebanon worries us very much. Israeli bombardments which are allegedly launched as a response (to Hizbullah) cannot be seen by us as

an adequate response." he said. Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto and Britain's John Major were flying in to Moscow late yesterday. Chirac, Germany's Helmut Kohl, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, and Italy's Lamberto Dini were due in today.

Russian Atomic Energy Minister Viktor Mikhailov, raising the curtain on the summit, said Moscow wanted national intelligence agencies to work closely together to prevent "nuclear terrorism" and illegal exports of nuclear material.



Greeks in Athens try to talk to relatives in Cairo after terrorists killed 18 and wounded 15 in an

Egyptian terrorists kill 18 in hotel attack

CAIRO (AP) - Terrorists attacked a hotel near the Pyramids yesterday with automatic rifles, killing at least 18 people and wounding 17, most of them Greek tourists, police said.

At least three men fired outside the Europa Hotel as a group of elderly Greek tourists departed. and witnesses said the attackers also barged into the hotel and shot into a ground-floor restaurant, where one victim was killed.

The attackers shouted Allahu akbar as they were shooting. police sources said. The slogan is frequently used by Moslem mili-

Tour operators said the Europa Hotel was sometimes used by israelis, but a hotel employee said the only Israeli guests yesterday were a group of Israeli-Arabs. Mohamed Sid-Ahmed, a leftist newspaper columnist, told Britain's Sky Television that the shooting "is very much linked to the Middle East" and that the gunmen may have mistaken the Greek tourists for Israelis.

Bellboy Sayed Zaghloul said the attackers wore black leather jackets and fired at the tourists at they walked toward a bus outside the hotel and at the bus itself.

"Suddenly we saw people "If the bus had not been there, it

would have been worse." Egypt has been fighting an insurgency by Islamic radicals since 1992, but in recent years the government succeeded in limiting the attacks to southern Egypt.

Before yesterday, more than 920 people had been killed, including eight fureigners slain in 1992-94 while attacks were aimed at hurt-

ing Egypt's tourism industry.
Officials at the nearby Pyramids
Hospital said 17 people were
wounded in yesterday's attack, including three in critical condition. The rest were reported stable.
Interior Ministry spokesman Mahmoud el-Fishawy said all victims but one were among an 88member Greek tour group. The other victim was an Egyptian who was wounded.

This is a terrible attack. It is the worst shooting that we have had," said Fishawy, whose ministry is in charge of Egypt's police. He added that he did not think the attackers were looking for Israelis but were targeting tourists in gen-

The attack came shortly at about 7 a.m. Witnesses said the gunmen arrived in a van-like taxi and escaped five minutes later in the same vehicle driven by an accomplice armed with a pistol. The front of the eight-story hotel

on Pyramids Road was punctured with bullet holes, and windows were shattered on all sides of the bus. Pools of blood could be seen on the hotel steps, along with indwiches, water bottles and shoes left behind by the victims.

A group of Australian tourists, who are of Greek descent and had been traveling with the Greek tour group, said that two men with guns also barged into the lobby and killed at least one man in the

Anna Borkowska, from Sydney, said she was about to leave the restaurant when the gunfire erupt-

"The man in front of me was shot in the legs," she said. "There was blood everywhere. He must

have died of hemorrhage."

She said the tour group had been visiting holy sites in Jerusalem and Egypt and the victims were

They died for their faith and belief in God and they were mar-tyrs," she said. They died after worshiping and paying respects to God in Jerusalem.

A blonde woman who was crying complained about the lack of security in the hotel. She would not give her name.

Ahmed Habib, the Europa's eneral manager, said the hotel had five or six guards but they

were not armed. In Athens, Vassilis Trizonis, an employee of Mistakidis Tours. said the Greek group traveled with his agency, leaving before the Greek Orthodox holy week that ended with last Sunday's

Orthodox Easter. He said they had visited Jerusalem and monasteries in Egypt and were to return to eece tomorrow. "Most of them were elderly," he said.

The last major anack on tourists in Cairo was Dec. 27, 1993, when gunmen hit a tour bus with explosives and gunfire, wounding eight Austrian tourists and eight

Troops mutiny in Central African Republic

BANGUI (AP) - Scores of vehicles after seizing extra guns Central African Republic soldiers and ammunition at police stademanding four months back pay mutinied and exchanged fire with loyal troops in the streets of the capital yesterday, sending residents running for cover.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

President Ange-Felix Patasse called an emergency meeting of his Cabinet to deal with the uprisanger over the government's cash crisis. mg, the latest display of civil

The soldiers' protest began about 12:30 p.m. as at least 80 soldiers carrying AK47 rifles drove through the streets in six

Hours later, shots were exchanged between the mutineers and loyal troops after the government called on the rampaging sol-diers to return to their barracks. The soldiers continued toward the presidential palace, which was heavily guarded by Patasse's security force.

Residents ran for cover and shops shut down in the area known as Kilometer Five, where a number of high-ranking army officers lived. The soldiers also took position in other parts of the

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Korea mulls Clinton peace offer North Korea earlier this month announced it would

TOKYO (Reuter) - North Korea officially broke its silence yesterday on a peace proposal by US President Bill Clinton and South Korea's president. saying it was examining the idea of four-waytalks to

see "if it is feasible".
"We are now examining the proposal of the US side to see whether it seeks another purpose and whether it is feasible," said a statement issued by the North Korean Foreign Ministry and carried by the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

Pyongyang's statement suggested it was skeptical about the proposal by Clinton and President Klim Young-sam that their two nations join with China and North Korea to discuss a peace agreement to replace the pact that ended the 1950-53 Korean War.

"We are not yet certain whether the 'proposal for quadrilateral talks' is aimed at concluding a genuine beace agreement between the signatories to the Korean armistice agreement," it said.

Without dismissing the proposal out of hand, the foreign ministry statement reiterated Pyongyang's official line that talks should be hetween North Korea and the United States. "As for the matter of preserving peace on the Korean Peninsula, it should be discussed and decid-

ed on by the DPRK and the United States, signatories to the armistice agreement," it said. "We have no clear notion of why the US side, which knows this fact better than anyone else, abruptly proposed 'quadrilateral talks'," it also said.

no longer abide by the armistice and sent three troop incursions into the neutral buffer zone to underscore its insistence that the truce accord no longer functioned. The bellicose gestures culminated a lengthy campaign by Pyongyang to erode the 1953 armistice and

press the US to sue for peace directly with North But Clinton, in his summit with Kim on Tuesday, once again flatly ruled out direct negotiations with

A Japanese analyst of North Korean affairs said Pyongyang would probably stick to its demand for US talks, but said the noncommittal North Korean response left room for negotiation.

"It is a very unusual response by North Korea, which usually either clearly rejects or accepts an offer," said Tomio Okamoto, analyst at Radio Press

North Korea repeated its assertion that South Korea

had undermined channels for dialogue between Pyongyang and Seoul. The North and the South of Korea have already

agreed on non-aggression, reconciliation and cooperation and a document on the agreement has been published all over the world.

The point at issue is that the document has not been carried into practice. It is entirely because The North-South dialogue has been suspended due to the South Korean authorities," it said.

Blast rocks elegant London street after warning

LONDON (AP) - In the fifth London bomb scare since the Irish Republican Army ended its cease-fire in February, an explo-sion hlew out windows in an exclusive area of west London.

The blast tore through an uninhabited house undergoing renovation on The Boltons, a street of elegant Victorian terraces.
"We've had minimal damage to

property, there was no loss of life and no injuries," said police spokesman Steve Park. An anonymous telephone call

received by The Associated Press and using a recognized IRA code word, warned a bomb was planted, 12 minutes before "The officers had just started to

search the area when at 2154

(2054 GMT) the explosion took place," Park said. "Luckily there were no injuries, as police officers were already searching the area. There were no evacuations. He said the explosion "was

probably the work of the IRA." The IRA ended its 17-month cease-fire on Feb. 9, citing what it said was British intransigence in attempts to bring peace to the Briosh-ruled province. There have been four bomb-

related incidents since then, leaving three people dead and dozens injured. All the attacks have been in London, apparently because the IRA does not want to provoke pro-British Protestant militias in

Northern Ireland into retaliating,

which would could lead to whole-

sale bloodshed.

It was not clear why the IRA would have chosen a privatelyowned house on a residential side street as a target; previous bombs have seem aimed toward causing maximum economic damage or maximum inconvenience.

"This is NOT a legitimate target," said one indignant man climbing into his Jaguar. He said the windows in his house, adjacent to the one where the explosion had taken place, had been shattered.

Formally dressed residents, walking home from dinner parties in the mild, jasmine-scented evening, were unable to get past police cordons to their houses in an area that is home to millionaires and diplomats.

Riding out the storm

In the face of adversity, some gritty northerners are staying put, Abraham Rabinovich reports

N a landscape speckled with more cows than humans this week, the northern Galilee was an easy match for Switzerland in its sturning beauty - a pic-ture postcard of tranquility, smudged only hy an occasional mushrooming of dirty gray smoke followed by an unforgiving

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Despite the continuing explosion of Katyushas, angst had departed the shelters of Kiryat Shmona along with most of the town's residents, leaving behind for the most part a calm readiness to ride out the storm as long as it takes.

"I don't mind sitting down here a month or whatever as long as this operation ends the Katyushas," said Ya'acov Azarza, a 45-year-old truck driver in a public shelter. "We just don't want to have to do this every few weeks."

It was II p.m. and a dozen people, mostly children, were lying in triple-tiered bunks oo the darkened periphery of the shelter whose homey atmosphere contrasted sharply with that of many other shelters in town. A few teenaged girls and mothers were conversing in the stairwell outside, so as not to disturb the sleepers. There were party-like decorations and posters on the wall which the children had put up during the week with girl sokliers who make the rounds of the shelters every day. In one corner, in a pool of light, four men, including Azarza, sat at a bridge table watching

television and eating pistachio nots out of a bowl in the center. They looked like they might have been sitting in a village cafe.

"We're all neighbors and we go to the same synagogue," said Ya'acov. Malka.

"Down here we're like one family. Better then family."

The men had all immigrated from Morocco more than 40 years ago, part of the mass of immigrants with which the government had filled in the map of the

The decision of Azarza and the others to



Although most children have been evacuated from their nurthern humes, some have remained, spending most of their time in bomb shelters, threel Sun/A. Shapira)

ters of the population had chosen to be evacuated reflected not passiveness but rootedness. This is our home, they said. It was clear it was the IDF's vigorous actions in Lebanon that fed their morale, A punch on the nose is much more endurable if the other guy is getting even worse lumps.

Earlier in the evening, in another part of the ghost-like town, a visitor searching futilely for an inhabited shelter spotted Shlomo. In another context, Shlomo was not a type you would choose to meet on a darkened street.

He said he knew of a shelter with children that could be visited, but first he which had been holed that day by a Katyusha. Asked what he did for a living he dodged the question a couple of times

and then said, somewhat delicately, "I'm an ex." His T-shirt bore a motto proclaiming him to be a battler against drugs. From a police jeep loudspeaker came a warning to residents to get back into shelters. As the jeep drove by, Shlomo waved to the men inside who appeared to know him.

His mother and brothers had evacuated to Katzrin on the Golan Heights and he had gone there too for a day but decided to return. "There's something special about this place," he said. "I prefer being here." As he talked it became evident that he enjoyed the social acceptance and camaraderie that came with being part of a

The small shelter be led the way to was occupied by one family, the Timsots, who had managed to give it a cheery look with

decorations and a small cooking corner. There were three daughters aged three to 14. Except for one day they had gone off to family in Hazor, the children had been in the shelter continuously for five days.

Once a day, their parents took them one at a time for a quick shower at home and then back again. Otherwise they were not permitted to venture outside the shelter exit. "We could have sent them away but I just can't bear to be without them," said Dalia Timsot. She too expressed readiness to stay as long as necessary if Operation Grapes of Wrath would bring an end to the Katyushas. The children said they were was television and games and the daily visits by the girl soldiers. And they were

At Kiryat Shmona's Stress Prevencion Center, which has long experience in dealing with Katyusha-invoked syndromes, psychologist Yehuda Shacham endorsed the Timsots's decision to stay together. "During Operation Accountability in 1993, the official recommendation was to evacuate the children," he said. "As a result of our studies we subsequently recommended that if there is to be evacuation it is best that the whole family be evacuated." This, he said, was in keeping with findings by Anna Freud and others that children who remained with their families in London during the Blitz had fewer psywho had been evacuated to the country.

ALTHOUGH PUBLIC attention has been

focused almost exclusively on Kirvat Shmona since the operation began, dozens of other communities along the border have had Katyushas exploding on their doorsteps in the past week. At kibbutzim, long-standing emergency plans were smoothly implemented.

"Last Friday at 6 p.m.." says Kibbutz Sasa Secretary Rachel Weisel, announced that the social club would be closed because of the emergency and I recommended that people coming in the din-ing room for the Shabbat meal eat quickly and not hang around. We didn't want a lot of people concentrated in one place. I had just finished the broadcast and gone home when a Katyusha hit near some of the

apartments, breaking windows." The kibbutz children were sent off for two days in "air out" but had now returned and would resume studies at kihbutzim out of Karyusha range to which they would be bused with their teachers every day.

At Moshav Amirim, whose homes lie 200 meters from the border, five rockets had exploded nearby since the operation began but these seemed to be secondary nuisances in a general atmosphere of malaise. Settled by immigrants from Morocco's Atlas Mountains in the 1950s, the remote farming community has never found its economic feet. It has also never recovered emotionally from the ambush of its school bus in 1972 by infiltrators who killed eight children and four adults aboard, Although located on a beautiful site, there was a general atmosphere of neglect and despondency about the place.

"Security isn't our problem," said Amram Biton, "Making a living is our

His neighbor and cousin, Ita Biton, whose husband was killed and son wounded in the bus ambush, appeared still to be haunted by that trauma after a quarter century. When she objected to the idea of the moshav children being evacuated it was on the grounds that the roads wereo't safe. "What if a Katyusha hits the bus?" she asked.

Sitting on a stone wall between their houses, they took solace in what they could - egg prices this year were good, there was no drug problem in the village, and as for their health, it could be worse.

The concentration of social resources and public attention on Kiryat Shmona in times of emergency highlights the neglected nature of communities like Amirim which were placed like sentinels along the border and then largely forgotten. After the Katyushas stop falling these communities will still need to be shown the light at the

Hizbullah remains resilient while Israel contemplates next move

Despite continuous IDF pounding of the terrorist

Hizhollah official, Ahhas

Musawi; months later, the Israeli

ight days and more than 1,000 air sorties later, the prime question is how badly has Israel hurt Hizbullah? IDF intelligence sources don't have to think long about that one. They say the Shi'ite organization has hardly been scratched.

"Hizbullah is not panicking," a military source says. They may have lost a post here and there. but they have simply moved to other places."

Military sources say that no-more than 20 Hizbullah members have been killed during the Israeli bombing raids. Hizbullah acknowledges only one farality. Somehow, the sources say, the IDF attacked Hizbullah headquarters and outposts while they were empty. So, in the first raid of Hizbullah headquarters in south Beirut last week, the Israeli Air Force reported accurate hits of the offices, but nobody was inside.

The same was true in Israeli

attacks of other Hizbullah commands, which have included communications ceoters, broadcasting stations, and offices. The raids, the sources say, have not hurt Hizbullah's chain of command or its ability to fire as many as 70 Katyushas a day toward

"Hizbullah is satisfied by the fact that it can launch Katyushas," a military source who did not want to be further identified, says. "It hasn't beeo defeated yet. They don't feel they're under pressure."

Senior military officers say hurting Hizbullah has not been the goal of Operation Grapes of Wrath. Rather, the aim has been to create havoc in Lebanon to force Syria to restrain Hizbullah from firing rockets toward Israel.

"If we could put an end to the Karyushas with military means, we would happily do so," a mili-tary source says. "So far, we have

organization, army sources tell Steve Rodan that been unable to do it. We have placed very strict limits on the

BUT OUIETLY, some IDF sources acknowledge a second reason: Israel doesn't want to provoke a terrorist offensive hy Hizbullah.

use of fire."

"We're walking a very narrow line here," says Martin Kramer, director of Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle East Studies and a leading expert on Hizbullah. "Israel is conducting an operation in such a way that Hizbullah leaders are not targeted and that there are not many

Hizbullah casualties." Over the years, Israel has

the group has hardly been scratched learned that Hizbullah vengeance exacts a high price. In 1992. Israel assassioated a leading

> Embassy in Buenos Aires was bombed, an operation attributed to Hizbullah. Two years later, an Israeli raid

of a Hizbullah training camp resulted in the deaths of close to 50 Shi'ite trainees. Soon after, another bomh leveled the office tower that held the Jewish community offices in Buenos Aires. More than 100 people were killed. Today, Hizbullah is once again

raising the possibility of renewed terrorist attacks against Israeli

and Jewish installations abroad. "We have to say that the Hizbullah threat has to be taken seriously," a senior intelligence officer says. "We have seen that they carry out their threats."

Hizbullah, with an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 fighters, has often allowed other groups to take credit for attacks on Israel. Intelligence sources say the group has plenty of terrorist allies, including Hamas, Palesunian rejectionist groups, and the PKK, the Kurdish and Turkish guerril-

IN ALL of these relationships, Hizbullah is the senior partner, ofteo supplying arms and

Katyushas to ensure that Israel sustains attacks on its northern communities while the Shi'ite group can disclaim responsibili-

Some IDF sources are con-cerned that Hizbullah will oow seek to encourage the PKK to coordinate attacks on Israeli installations. This, in reaction to what Turkish military sources say have been Israeli Air Force bombings of PKK bases in the Bekaa Valley. The raids on the PKK, whose bases are about a kilometer away from Hizbullah installations, were part of the new security cooperation agreement between Jerusalem and Ankara,

Turkish sources say.

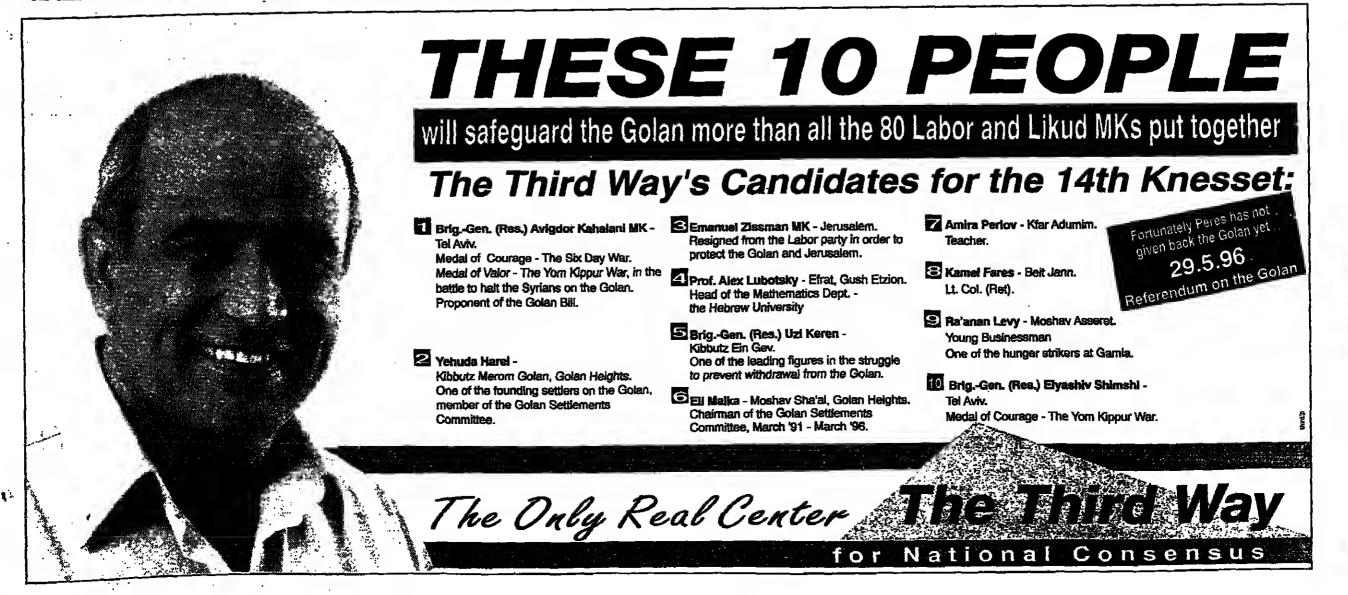
Already, the Israeli Embassy in Ankara is on high alert and special precautions have been introduced to protect the life of Ambassador Zvi al-Peleg.

IDF officers acknowledge that so far they remain short of their

goals to Operation Grapes of Wrath. Many residents have not left their homes in the dozens of villages north of the security zone. This has meant a delay in what is regarded as the next stage of the operation - a search and destroy mission for Hizbullah fighters. Without massive amounts of ground troops and the element of surprise, some mili-tary sources doubt whether such an operation would significantly hurt Hizbullah.

Moreover, Syria has not followed the assessment of Israeli intelligence sources that it would restrain Hizhullah in fear of a massive IDF attack, Instead, IDF sources now say that Damascus has become as stuhhorn as Hizhullah's patron Iran in insisting that the Shi'ite group refuse in bend to Israeli demands.

"In their [Syria] minds," a military source says, "everything is a zero-sum game."



The people who live 'outside of history'

In central and eastern Europe, persecution of Gypsies - as Romanies are pejoratively known - shows no sign of abating, Tom Gross reports

To Gypsies allowed!" Due to bad experiences in the past we do not serve Gypsies." Change the word "Gypsy" to "Jew" and we could be in 1930s Germany. But h is in the Czech Republic of the 1990s that such signs mark the entrance to some

In Budapest, Hungary, the graffiti on a wall close by a branch of McDonalds reads "Death to the Animal Gypsies." On a nearby street corner, teenagers spend their Saturday afternoon lolling around on the sidewalk, listening to a music cassette with blatantly racist lyrics. The name of the band: "Gypsy-free

Since the collapse of eastern Europe's communist dictatorships six years ago, and the ensuing rise of far-right groups throughout Europe, the Romanies (or Roma) - whom English-speakers more commonly call "Gypsies," a derogatory term associated with words such as "to gyp," meaning to cheat, and derived from the incorrect belief that Romanies originally came from Egypt - have been subject not only to a marked rise in verbal abuse, but to an increasing oumber of horrific physical attacks.

In Romania, entire Romany settlements have been torched. In one incident in Italy, Romany children were injured by bombs planted in children's books and dolls handed to them by a passing motorist. In Austria last year, a bomb killed four

Even the former Czechoslovakia, with its relatively liberal reputation and traditions, has been far from immane. According to a Czech human rights group, the Tolerance Foundation, over 20 Romanies have been killed there since 1990, and many others injured.

But despite the gruesome nature of many of these incidents - such as the strangling to death with a wire cable in October 1991 of a six-yearold Romany boy in a school playground-they are largely unreported in the international media and ignored by Czech politicians, who are under very little public pressure

Opinion polls reveal that only six percent of Czechs think more attentico should be paid to Romany rights. In contrast, almost half the pepulation think special laws specifically targeting Romanies should be introduced, while 37% support skinhead violence against them and 40% believe they should be deported or isolated in ghettos.

In the opinion of Josef Banom of the Czech Democratic Union of Romanies, "Only the Nazi era has been worse for Romanies in this

According to Gilad Margalit, an Israeli expert on Romanies: "During the communist era the volcanic-like anti-Romany hatred was kept under the carpet by the communists. Now that the carpet has been removed the volcano has erupted."

In one particularly chilling inci-dent, a 17-year-old contestant hoping to be crowned Miss Czech and Slovak Republics, received spontaneous applause from the beauty pageant's studio audience when she announced that her ambition was to become a lawyer so she could help "cleanse" her hometown of Romanies. The contest bost responded in front of a TV audience of millions by calling her "a very brave girl" and telling her: "We need

the Romanies have suffered persecutions second only to the Jews. In 17th-century Bohemia and Moravia their bodies were hung along borders to discourage others from enteriog. In 1725, Prussia decreed Romanies were "vermin" that could be hanged without trial. Uotil the middle of the 19th century,

IN THE course of European history,

they were frequently enslaved in what is now Romania. And an estimated 200,000 to 220,000 Romanies were murdered by the Today, with few Jews left in cen-

tral and eastern Europe - where two-thirds of Europe's estimated 6-8 million Romanies live - they have become the principal target for many nationalists in this region. Yet their plight is still almost completely ignored by the outside world, and virtually the only non-Romanies to speak out on their behalf have been people of Jewish origin (see hox).

Romanies make easy targets. They have not been able to form an effective lobby group and they have no country to speak out on their behalf. Theirs is a history of failure to unite in an organized way around one group or leader - the nature of Romany society is to cluster around a family, a clan or a region. (In the Czech Republic for example there are over 40 rival Romany organiza-



Fabled, feared, romanticized and reviled, the Romanies are perhaps Europe's least understood people. (tabel Forsect from her book "Bury Mc Sunding")

tions.) They have been described as a people who live "outside of histo-

Many Westerners still think of "gypsies" in terms of crude stereotypes - as thieving vagrants, fortune-tellers or picturesque figures out of Bizet's Carmen. In fact the Romanies are a distinct people who have preserved their own language and culture since migrating to Europe from India in the 10th century. And the vast majority live in permanent homes like anyone else.

YETAS late as 1958, an entry in the Encyclopaedia Britannica stated that "Gypsies have the mental image of a child of 10... have never accomplished anything... [are] quarrelsome, quick to anger... [and] unthinkably cruel." Even today. despite the fact they are the largest stateless minority in Europe, there is still no entry for Romanies in the section charting the movement of peoples in the Times Atlas of World

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It is indicative of the essentially racist nature of the prejudice against Romanies that Czechs don't speak of "travelers" or "nomads" - \$5 per cent of the 700,000 Romanies in the Czech and Slovak Republics have ied a settled lifestyle for the past 350 years - but of "blacks" (Romanies) and "whites."

Prejudice against Romanies is found not just among the general population, but amongst people in positions of authority. "They don't use bathrooms," says Jirina Vankova who heads a Prague housing department. They urinate and defecate all over the buildings. They don't throw away their garbage. They cause unbelievable dirt. From about 100 Gypsy families, five are

NO ONE wants to employ us," says Radka, a soft-voiced, raven-haired Prague Romany. 'The Czech Republic is the success story of the former Eastern bloc - national unemployment is only 3%. You can see many advertisements looking for a salesgirl, but God help you if

you are a Gypsy-girl." Radka's youngest brother, eightyear-old Geza, says he wants to be a doctor when he grows up. But his chances are slim. Like 80% of Romany children in Prague schools, Geza has been classified as mentally dysfunctional and placed in a special school for the mentally backward. But even Geza's teacher admits he is no less bright than other Czech children of his age.

Geza is a victim of a system in which psychologists rouninely place Romany children in these special schools at the age of five, usually merely because they lack Czech language skills.

"When a psychologist sees the brown face and black eyes of a Romany, the child is automatically sent to a special school," says Vladimir Olah, a Romany activist in Prague, "They are thus sealed into a lower-class future before they have even had a chance to prove them-

Eva Vondrakova, a psychologist vho has worked for the Czech Ministry of Education, admits: "It's

true that we make the tests cultimal-

Romany children see nothing but books without a single brown face them, says Milena Hubschmannova, professor of Romany studies at Prague's Charles University. They hear no Romany songs and read no Romany litera-

Such is the hostility of some teachers, that many Romany parents often refuse to send their children to school altogether, resulting in their further alienation from Czech soci-

The opinious of President Vaciny Havel, the internationally acclaimed playweight and humanist who com-mands worklwide respect, carry littic weight among his own people when it comes to Romanies. Havel has been almost a lone voice among Czech politicians and commentators in condemning anti-Romany practices. He has said that the notices on pub doors and public swimming pools stating Romanies are not welcome 'bear a striking resemblance to the auti-lewish instructions under the Nazis."

His remarks, and other concision of Czech treatment of Romanies. such as a highly critical 154-page report issued by the New York-Watch, have been ignored by the rest of the Czech authorities.

Jewish support from around the world

HE Romanies have not been successful in organizing themselves properly, and the international community has tradi-tionally shown a lack of concern for their plight. But a number of Jews have unofficially taken is upon themselves to help them and to document their suffering.

Jews have of course long been active in the fight for equal rights for other discriminated against groups, such as blacks in the US and South Africa. But in this case there is an additional motivation: Hitler linked Jews to Romanies in targeting both for extinction.

Although Nazi policies to Romanies were inconsistent - some types were to be annihilated while others were spared death, as Prof. Yeinida Baner at Yad Vashern and other historians have pointed out there is evidence to show that eventually a policy of total extermination of Romanies may have been pursued as well.

Almost all the leading writers on the Romany genocide and persecution have been Jewish: the late Miriam Novitch in Israel; Ben Sijes in Holland: Sylvia Steinmetz in Austria; Israeli-born Yaron Matras in Germany; and Donald Kenrick in

Jewish philanthropists such as Dutch-born Lau Mazeril and Hungarian-born George Soros have established foundations to help Romanies on a worldwide scale.

There are also many Jews who have helped Romanies on a local scale. Jewish people feel a closeness because both are victims," says Dr.: Kenrick, author of the groundbreaking Destiny of Europe's Gypsies and of the newly-published Gypsies under the Swastika.

Other prominent Jewish personalnies, such as Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal, have recently made outspoken statements on behalf of Romanies; in the US, Hungarianborn Jew, Rep. Tom Lantos of California told an official congressional hearing on Romanies (the first of its kind), which he had helped to organize: I think it can be

said without exaggeration that footby? the plight of Romanies is the disgrace of Europe."

In the US, Jewish help for Romanies was formalized in 1991 by the establishment of the Romaniwish Alliance.

There are numerous other exam-ples of Jews helping Romanies on a local level. So much so that such efforts and their common suffering bave resulted in many Romanies holding a special place for Jewish people in their hears. Romanies describe all non-Romanies as "gadje," a derogatory term similar to "goyim," but Icws are now called report issued by the New York- by a less derogatory term, "bibol-based human rights group, Helsinki do," roughly translated as "the unbaptized."



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No sour Grapes of Wrath for Peres

The Hizbullah has presented Prime Minister Peres with an election - winning card on a plate, writes Sarah Honig

T this point it seems that nothing can get Prime Minister Shimon Peres into political hot water. Juless, of course, the religious parties liscover that the rather literary American cliche chosen as the code name for the latest Lebanon operation -Grapes of Wrath - is, alas, inspired by the New Testament (Revelation 14:19). So far this political faux pas does not seem to have been pounced upon by

anyone and radio talk shows spent much air time this week solemnly discussing the relevance of John Steinbeck's Depression-era novel to the present situation in our North. But since no one has stumbled on the awful truth, Peres seems to be quite safe.

He is one very lucky man. This was the consensus in the political arena this week. He was lucky to be thrown into an election campaign entrusted with the halo of slain prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, which already makes him the object of sympathy and all but impreg-nable to personal attack.

He did have a alight setback with the pre-Purim spate of suicide bombings, but he weathered that remarkably well. The trouble in the North could not have happened at a more opportune time for him, and in both Labor and Likud circles it's conceded that, had the elections been beld this week, Peres would be a shoo-

It was therefore odd that Peres's people bave accused Hizbullah of wanting to remove Labor from power to presumably replace it with the Likud. Hizbullah, in fact, could not have been

more belpful to Peres. This is because the prime-ministerial candidates must direct their overnires to the voters still floating between the two large political camps. These are regarded as too hawkish for Labor and two dovish for the Likud. Hence the masquerade in which both candidates are

Peres was making hawkish squawks of late but it was no simple matter for him to back them with the necessary macho action. .

The major source of trouble until Pessah had come from Hamas but Peres could not strike out at the PLO fiefdom without thereby jeopardizing his deal

But when fire was opened from Lebanon - inflicting far fewer casualties than the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv outrages - things were different.

There was no deal with that country holding Peres back and if previously he had stopped short of irritating the Syrians, they had lately irritated him by their lack of cooperation. Politically Peres had nothing to lose and everything to gain. Moreover, the Likud could hard-ly complain, as Peres would merely be seen as practicing what the Likud had preached. Binyamin Netanyaho had oo choice but to pledge his support.

Peres's appearances at lengthy press conferences - a determined-looking Mr. Security, wearing a black windbreaker, pointing to military maps and sternly warning the enemy - were worth their

weight in political gold.
This is well understood in Labor, and at its Hayarkon Street headquarters in Tel Aviv by midweek there was a feeling of near elation. Campaign staffers admitted that no amount of stickers and slogans could equal one Peres photo

opportunity in quasi-battle dress.

Bibi wbo?" it was asked in jest. The perception was that Netanyahu had faded far into the background, except for an interview on CNN which was hardly watched or understood by Mr. and Ms. Average Israeli.

The Labor campaign team in fact judged that they might as well save money and skip the newspaper ads for the time being. Media exposure for Peres is doing the job.

Nevertheless party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli maintains that "nothing has changed. The military action has no campaign ramifications. It's business as

He points to ongoing campaign rallies around the country. But off the record, it is being said that every day without casualties boosts Peres and if the Katyushas stop soon and there is no sense of getting bogged down in the Lebanese mire, then Peres will come out winning big.

THE ATMOSPHERE was quite different in another corner of Tel Aviv. at Likud headquarters in Metzudat Ze'ev, where staffers half-hinted that they had already lost or that it would take a mira-



Peres converses with soldiers of an artillery unit on the northern border this week. Off the record, it is being said that every day without casualties boosts Peres and if the Katyushas stop soon then Peres will win big.

The polls this week, they predicted, will be very good news for Peres. because, it was noted, military action always helps the incumbent. The campaign in the North and the surge of solidarity it has produced, ought to yield a spectacular payoff for Peres.

No one at Mezzudat Ze'ev dared intimate that Peres launched the strikes into Lebanoo because of political considera-tioos. But it was said that he is as lucky as the cat with its nine lives, because the Lebanese cauldron started boiling just at the right time for bim. It was just amazingly fortuitous for him and calamitous for the Likud, it was asserted.

At 9:30 each morning the campaign strategy team meets at Metzudat Ze'ev. to assess the situation. Initially, the Likud had put its campaign on hold, but later decided that this is precisely what Labor wants.

While we said nothing, Peres continned campaigning under the guise of prolonged grandiose press conferences, surrounded by generals to enhance the mil-itary glory," said Likud information bead MK Limor Livnat.

"Yes, Labor knows full well that we support the operation in Lebanoo. We were the ooes who called for action."

"Realizing that its utopian New Middle East is in shambles, Labor in effect is implementing the Likud platform. But this does not mean that there are no elections and no other issues.

"Labor is hiding behind the military operation and would leve to conceal everything else and have us dwell only on the IDF accoun, for which the IDF indeed deserves full praise. The trouble [for them] is that one day we will wake up to other facets of Labor's failing pol-

The public mustn't forget all other issues in a moment of excitement," she

The Likud's problem is that it is so difficult to remind the public of other issues right now. In fact the debate among Likud campaign strategists this week was whether to speak op at all, But many feared that this would be construed as unpatriotic and would end up wreaking only more bavoc on the already bard-pressed Likud campaign. Those senior Likud figures who dared

talk, did so hesitantly and with utmost care, Netanyahu called oo us to "imagine what would happen if the Golan were in Syrian hands now. Had the government been successful in its bid to surreoder the Golan, we would be unable to operate in Lebanon and the residents of Tiberias and Safed would be in shelters.

"It's imperative for us to remember that without the strategic streogth which key territorial positions afford us, there will be no security and without security

there is no peace."

Even Ariel Sharoo was relatively low key saying that "I will not discuss operative moves while the guns are still firing." He did, however, propose that the security zone be extended to the Litani and that hostile villagers oot be allowed back to give succor to Hizbullah terrorists once more.

In the same vein Moledet's Rehavam Ze'evi stated that "the IDF action is a move to the right direction, but the operation must not be prematurely aborted, not without making sure that it bears long-term fruits."

The Likud renewed its ads campaign by midweck in a desperate attempt to call attention to the forgotten other

Thus one ad, featuring ex-Laborite Yitzhak Dror of Herzliya, quotes him as saying be switched political allegiance because he "doesn't trust Peres. Peres is

To explain his point he notes that "while we are fighting in Lebanon, Arafat cononues to free murderers. He mocks Peres by releasing dozens of Hamas activists detained after the Jerusalem and Dizengoff blasts. Yet Peres continues to count on Arafat to keep us safe."

But can all this really counter a single Peres comment at a news conference? Livnat too has her doubts. She was incensed by the fact that "there was no outcry when Peres, appearing with a whole entourage of generals at a press conference, stood there allowing [OC Military Intelligence Maj. General Moshe] Bugi Ya'alon to talk about the Hizbullah wishing to bring Labor down.

"This is a patently political statement by a man in uniform only little more than a month before the elections. With Peres at his side and failing to protest, this becomes unprecedented politicization of the military. Anyone who cares about democracy should have been out-

raged."
The truth is that it bothered Meretz just a bit but in Meretz too it wasn't easy in say things for the record and appear unpatriotic.

All the party leader Yossi Sarid dared utter was that "if the Hizbullah stops firing, so should we." In other words, Sarid would like the operation not to go too

But in the loog run Meretz can only benefit from Peres's ostensible bawkishness. In the direct prime ministerial race, Meretz voters have no choice but to cast their ballots for Peres. But in the Knesset race, once the initial dutiful solidarity wears off, Meretz can use the display of power in Lebanon to highlight the oftblurred distinctions between itself and

Peres wouldn't really weep much if his party's Knesset list loses the leftists floating between Labor and Meretz, just as be has no fear about Arab voters optiog for Netanyahu.

His objective is to win the dovish hawks, undecided between Labor and

Right oow, he is doing well, and while (like the Christ of Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic") Peres is seen as trampling out the grapes of wrath, any criticism of bim sounds like

How TV's political coverage makes us insane

According to an American academic, TV is dangerous when it comes to preventing politics, Yosef Goell reports

HAT does the mercifully defunct A have in common with the overkill

TV coverage of our elections?

Quite a bit, if one follows the argument of Prof. Neil Postman. head of the communications program at New York University. He expanded on his view of TV's new, "dangerous" rbetoric, before an audience of graduate students in communications at Tel Aviv's Israel College at the end of the hectic week of primaries.

Charlie's Angels were ostensibly involved in solving a murder mystery in each program. But the program wasn't really about murder so much as "hair, and its sensuous swishing from side to side, like in today's slow-motion shampoo commercials," claimed Postman. The Tel Aviv audience, the vast majority of whom were fashionably dressed and coiffed young women, tittered in agree-

Echoiog the "medium is the nessage" mantra of Marshall McLuhan (his communications mentor of three decades ago), Postman conteoded that TV is about fleeting but emotionally powerful images, as opposed to

The claim that Richard Nixon "lost" his TV debates with John Kennedy in the 1960 presidential elections (which Kennedy won by a hair's breadth), because the new electronic medium focused on Nixon's "five-o'clock-sbadow

jowls" rather than the validity of his arguments, is by now common lore in communications studies.

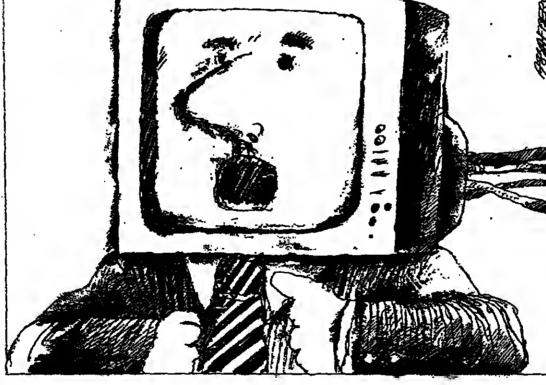
Prof. Postman also gave the example of former president Ronald Reagan and TV. At the beginning of his first term much of the clite eastern-seaboard press sniped snidely and persistently at Reagan's TV blunders. Bot in time even those critics came to realize that the viewing public was not interested in their presi-dent's command of the facts but rather in his image as a benevo-lent and protective father figure. Ironically, Postman added, Reagan was known as the Great

The fact that Charlie's Angels was an example of what TV does best, "to present people with inter-esting images to look at" and that what Reagan was saying was totally unimportant compared with the image he was projecting, "is what makes TV so dangerous" when it comes to presenting poli-

tics, Prof. Postman argued.
Politics should be a rational presentation of alternative solutions to public problems, he said, but TV simply doesn't permit such a

He went on to compare the Lincoln-Douglas debates (which are considered a classic in American political history) with the Bush-Clinton debates on TV

in the 1992 election campaign. In the debates of 140 years ago between the two contenders for the Senate seat from Illinois.



Abraham Lincolo and Stephen Douglas traveled from town to town appearing together in a series of debates on the burning issues of slavery and states' rights.

In every debate, each was allotted three hours and one of them giveo an additional hour for rebuttal. In the oext town, the second debater was allotted the hour-long rebuttal, after the three-bour long presentations. And this in a largely illiterate America of the time. (Shades of pre-Israel's Berl Katznelson and Ze'ev Jabotinsky, who were known to speak for hours on end before rapt audiences.) Douglas, incidentally, won the election.

WHEN president Bush and challenger Bill Clintoo appeared on the Barbara Walters show in 1992, they were each allowed two minutes for their presentation and one-minute for rebuttal. Their response, Postman declared, should have been: "How dare you put us into such a situation? What kind of fools do you think the public are?"

But of course that is oot bow either the candidates or the view-ing public responded. What the people did say was "Did you see the debate last night? Who do you think won?

"Barbara Walters," replied ooe member of the Tel Aviv audience.
Prof. Postman said that this sort of TV political coverage was making us insane." But it was important to understand that TV constituted a new mode of cooversatioo. We now talk to each other through moving and excitiog images "whose average duraoon is 3.5 seconds."

He likened this shift - from thinking and communicating by means of the written word to that

of electronic images - to the shift that had occurred from oral to written cultures ceoturies and millennia ago. He noted in this regard that Socrates was opposed to writing "because it nodermined buman memory." In pre-writing eulares, people develop extraor-dinary memories for poetry and proverbs, a faculty that has sadly beeo lost to nearly all people in modern cultures. The TV age may well augur similarly profound changes and losses.

Prof. Elihu Katz, the founder of the Hebrew University's communications program and head of the team which brought Israel into the TV age in 1968, noted that in Israel TV had taken over a new role of leadership in situations of crisis, such as the aftermath of the Rabin assassination and the recent spate of suicide bus bombings.

TV first supplanted the printed press in this leadership role in the aftermath of the Kennedy assassi-nation of 1963, he said. In that case, most people bad first heard of the assassination by word of mouth, but theo decided to go home and watch was was happening on TV as a guide to bow to mourn and what appropriate behavior and attitudes to adopt. He went on in quote from a

recent book by an Indian author who reminisced about her memories of the assassination of prime minister lodira Gandhi. "My mother insisted that we wear bead coveriogs and proper, modest dress while watching the TV reports of the dead leader's cremation ceremony," she wrote. As Prof. Katz noted wryly: "Dressing up to watch television!" Israel's TV coverage of the

Rabin assassination was marked by similar behavior, Katz noted. He said that TV's great power lay

in its ability to "call time out," to declare a collective national boliday of mourning and stocktaking. By canceling all advertising and by totally preempting its regular programming. TV was wiping everything else off the national agenda except for the need to commune with collective national values, with the knowledge that nearly everyooe else was engaged

exclusively in such a communion.

By doing so, TV grabbed the role
of leadership from the political
establishment. In the case of the Rabin assassination, TV worked with that political establishment. But in the case of the bus bombings there was clearly a dissonance between TV and the political leadership, Prof. Katz said. Neither media people nor polinical leaders have any experience in handling such a situation, be added.

He noted the recent three-way debate between the Hebrew University's Prof. Shlomo Avineri and TV's Chaim Yavin and Motti Kirschenbaum, in which Avineri accused TV anchorman Yavio of playing into the hands of the Hamas terrorists by "recycling the goriest pictures of the bus bombings, thus intensifying the public's sense of dread."

Kirscheobaum, who heads the Israel Broadcasong Authority. retorted that TV was merely giving the viewers what they wanted

In response in Avincri's quesnoo as to whether media professionals shouldn't rise above such a consideration, Kirschenbaum justified Channel 1's unrestrained presentation of the horrors of the bus bombing by noting that the commercial Channel 2 had "beaten" Channel 1 in the coverage of. the Rabin assassination several

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Oklahoma tragedy unites Jews, Christians

Carol Rushton reports on the important contribution the local Jewish community played in the rescue and rebuilding efforts

N Wednesday, April 19, 1995, people in Oklahoma City woke up as usual. They got up, dressed, are breakfast. Husbands kissed wives goodbye before leaving for the day; children left for school. Employees of the downtown Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building arrived for work.

Parents dropped off their kids at the day-care center in the building before going on to their various jobs. Secretaries answered phones, managers held meetings.

At 9:02 a.m., an enormous car bomb shattered their reality, changing their lives forever.

Tragedies either split people apart or bring them together, makiog the ties between them stronger than ever. For the Jewish and communities of Oklahoma City, the latter seems to be the case, according to David Packman, rabbi of the city's Reform Temple B'nai Israel.

"Relations between the two communities were never bad." Rahbi Packman said. "But the bornbing has brought everyone a lot closer

together.
There is a tremendous sense of cooperatioo between the two groups that wasn't there before, which is a positive outcome of the tragedy. People also have much more civic pride in the city than they had previously."

Although to Jews were killed or injured in the bombing, the Jewish community in the city — which numbers about 2,500 — was at the forefront of the relief effort. Moshe Tal, 45, an Israeli who now runs a chemical business in Oklahoma City, and has lived in the US since 1971, was at the time chairman of the Bricktown Association, a nonprofit federation of merchants from the downtown area.

He organized area businesses,

Not only was Tal at the forefront of the food drive, he also helped to coordinate the overall volunteer effort, "We took over the Myriad Convention Center, which is huge, and brought in military beds and showers so the rescue workers would have somewhere to sleep and freshen up.
We even had a pharmacy and Jacuzzis." Edie Roodman from the Jewish Federation was in charge of dispatching the volunteers.

"Many of the volunteers would work 18-hour days," Tal said. "We would literally have to pull them away and make them rest. I didn't go home for two weeks." A restaurant convention was taking place at the Myriad when the bombing occurred, and the vendors agreed to leave their equipment for the local restaurants to use. "We also worked closely with Larry Jones (an Oklahoma City .Christian minister] and his Feed the

Symbols of joint effort between Christians and Jews: (above) The Heartland Chapel memorial, half of which was financed by the local Jewish community, the support of which is represented on a plaque (below left).

Chapel, built 50 meters from the bomb site as a memorial to the victims, was also heavily financed by local Jews who contributed \$10,000, which represented half of the construction costs. A plaque now commemorates the Jewish community's contribution.

As today's first anniversary date approached. Rabbi Packman described the atmosphere in Oklahoma City as "unsettled." He said there was "concern that some crazies might do something.
"April 19 is an especially signifi-

cant date, not only because of the because it is the anniversary of the [American of the start Revolutionary War]. People are afraid that militia groups might use that date to stage an anniversary eveot of their own.

There are a number of events today but they are being played down by the local media because of the concern of further terrorist acts. Rabbi Packman has been asked to read an appropriate passage from the Bible at a huge memorial service being held at the Myriad

and poetry.
We will stress the Jewish connection to the bombing." Rabbi Packman said. "The militia groups in which Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were involved are very antisemitic, very racist.

Jews, with very little effort these militias could redirect their focus. "As a Jewish community, we groups who use conspiracy theories as a basis for their antisemitic beliefs. Whenever conspiracy theories abound, the Jew becomes the

great conspirator.' Moshe Tal feels that people view the date with more sadness than fear, "People are more aware, more cautious about security. But the bombing united everyone. People have a positive attitude about the future. It bas made them more determined to make the city a greater city."

Previous rescue hero was haunted by fame

LUMPED in front of the TV following last year's Oklahoma bombing, Robert O'Donnell watched the images flash by like his own life on rapid.

Weary firefighters. Wounded babies. A harrowing race against the clock. The scene happened to be Oklahoma City, but it was all too familiar, a traumatic reminder of the starring role O'Donnell once played in another rescue that touched the American people's heart.

Seven years earlier, in what remains one of the top-rated news events in US television history, the slender paramedic wriggled down an underground shaft, freeing tiny Jessica McClure, who had been trapped for 58 fretful hours in a Texas well. Overnight, he went from small-town fireman to American hero. The White House saluted him. Hollywood besieged

"Tve saved other people's lives before," he said. "But there'll never be nothing like this again." For O'Donnell, there wasn't. When the media's restless eye moved on, his life appeared to freeze in time, family members and friends say, his identity forever cemeoted by the 15 minutes of fame that branded him as Baby Jessica's rescuer.

Long before the footage of Oklahoma City brought it all back, O'Donnell had come to see the limelight as a curse, not a blessing - a blinding glare that had undermined his marriage, crippled him with migraines and hastened his departure from the fire department amid allegations of prescription-

drug abuse.
"When those rescuers are through, they're going to need lots of help," he told his mother as they watched search crews hunt for survivors in Oklahoma. "I don't mean for a couple of days or weeks, but

On April 23, four days after the bombing, O'Donnell drove across the darkened prairie of his family's



This photo of O'Donnell and Baby Jessica appeared on the cover of 'Life' magazine five months after the incident.

head. He was 37 and the father of two boys, aged 10 and 14.

"I'm sorry to check out this way," he scrawled on a scrap of paper found in his pickup truck. "But life sucks."

THE DOWNWARD spiral that O'Donnell traveled is a cautionary tale, an anatomy of the pressures faced by all emergency workers, especially when their efforts capture the fancy of a market bungry for real-life heroes.

What seems clear, according to those close to O'Donnell, is that he suffered from some form of posttraumatic stress disorder, usually associated with combat veterans but increasingly common in times

For a few extraordinary days in October 1987, the world's attention was riveted on the drama of an 18-month-old girl trapped more than six meters below ground in an

She cried for her mother, then tried to calm herself by singing about

Winnie the Pooh. While crews frantically drilled a parallel shaft, CNN scored one of its highest ratings for a single 15-minute period.

The real story, however, would unfold underground, out of the spotlight, after two days of chip-ping through rock. O'Donnell, picked for his slim build and lanky arms, descended into the hole and squirmed - head first and on his back - through a narrow tunnel connecting him with the well. He looked up and saw Jessica's leg.

Using K-Y jelly and the rubbertipped leg of a photographer's tri-pod, O'Donnell gently prodded and pulled, tugging Jessica by her blue baby pants. It took him more than an hour, inching her down the lubricated hole, like an obstetrician delivering a child. Finally she was out, and in the hands of another paramedic, who carried Jessica up to a chorus of cheers.

For a while, O'Donnell stayed underground, too overcome to face

Later, the phone began to ring, even before he had made it home to kiss his wife or hug his kids. Reporters lined up outside his door. Cameras were thrust in his face. They all wanted him to retell the rescue, to relive every last feeling and thought,

At every opportunity, O'Donnell insisted that be had played just a small role in what was unmistakably a team effort. But more than any other rescuer, he also was willing to accommodate the media's quest to personalize the story.

He did Oprah Winfrey's show, then went to Washington DC, where he shook hands with George Bush, then the vice president. He was wined and dined by Hollywood power-brokers. His mother-in-law made him a scrapbook, embroidering on the cover:

"We were all on that merry-go-round for a while," said a local police officer, who underwent counseling to deal with the pressures of both the rescue and media blitz. "But when we tried to get on with our lives, it was like Robert got stuck on auto-pilot."

He confided to friends that he had bopes of breaking into the entertainment industry - talk shows, acting, public relations anything that would keep his star

His headaches were the breaking point. Even as a boy, as young as eight or nine, he was afflicted by throbbing migraines. They came and went, maybe once a month.

Once the media's interest in the rescue began to wane, his headaches returned with a vengeance, knocking him on his back up to four times a week. He went to dozens of specialists, even volunteered for experimental remedies, but found no relief.

In the end, he became a walking medicine chest. He began toting a black bag full of painkillers - some of which, his then-wife Robbie said, "could sedate a horse.

Not long after his divorce in 1991, O'Donnell overloaded on sedatives and passed out at the fire station. The department's top brass checked him into a drug rehabilitation center, where he stayed for 30 days. A few months later, after O'Donnell had returned to work. a commander detected a shir in his speech and ordered another drug test.

O'Donnell refused, quitting rather than submit to what be saw as a scheme to have him ousted? His 11-year career over, he tried to find a job with another department, but was convinced he had been blacklisted. Some days, he would pick up his scrapbook - the one with "Our Hero" embroidered on the cover - and fling it, cursing it like a spurned lover.

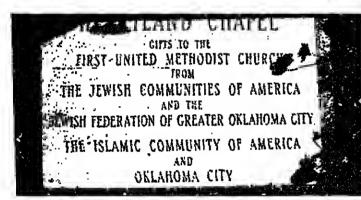
What started as such a simple story - an innocent victim, a clear problem, a single solution - had become a tortured mess in O'Donnell's mind. Suicide was his final, imponderable response,

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His elder son Casey helped carry the coffin to the grave, to the mournful sounds of "Amazing Grace." His other son. Chance, whose birthday was a few days Ister, wondered why his dad couldn't have waited at least until he turned 11.

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restaurants, and, along with volunteers (some of whom came from the Jewish community), they pro-vided food and meals for the police and firemen involved in the rescue

"I was only two blocks away when the bomb went off." Tal recalls. "I went to the site to analyze the situation and immediately started calling area restaurants. Within two days, we were very tions, they were desperately in need of funds to repair their church

Children organization." Moshe

said. 'The helped we received from

everyone was overwhelming. We

learned that Oklahomans are very

warm-hearted people. I felt like I

One of the hardest moments for Tal was when he went to the notifi-

cation center with some cookies for

those waiting for news about family members. "One little girl asked if

she could have a chocolate chip

cookie, and I of course said yes,

Moshe said, "Then she said, 'Can I

have another one for my daddy? It's his favorite cookie." His

The local Jewish community was

also the first to respood with finan-

cial belp. Four downtown area

churches were damaged in the

blast, and because the US govern-

ment does not provide financial aid

to non-profit religious organiza-

body was found two days later.

was in Israel.'

B'nai B'rith and the Oklahoma City Jewish community raised \$900,000, of which \$10,000 was given to each church to help finance repairs. Temple B'nai Israel even offered its facilities to a few of the churches to use until their buildings were repaired.

In addition, the Heartland

Coovention Center in the downtown area, Temple B'nai Israel will have their own special service which will include original songs

"Even though the Oklahoma City

bombing was not directed toward

Search for hero meets sad end

ROSS Harris knows all about the need to make contact, to reconnect with the emotions of Oklahoma's defining moment. A comptroller for an oil-drilling company, he spent five months trying to locate the anonymous physician with whom he teamed up in the chaotic minutes after last year's blast.

Among the first unofficial rescuers on the scene, together they man-

aged to improvise with a crowbar and borrowed bandages, digging out one man from a pile of debris and stanching the blood that gushed from the shredded face of another.

But before Harris could learn the doctor's name, he was gooe, off to extricate some of the timiest bodies from the rubble. "I saw a man at probably one of the finest moments of his life," the

46-year-old executive recalled. "I wanted to be able to shake his hand and say: "Thank you, sir ... I

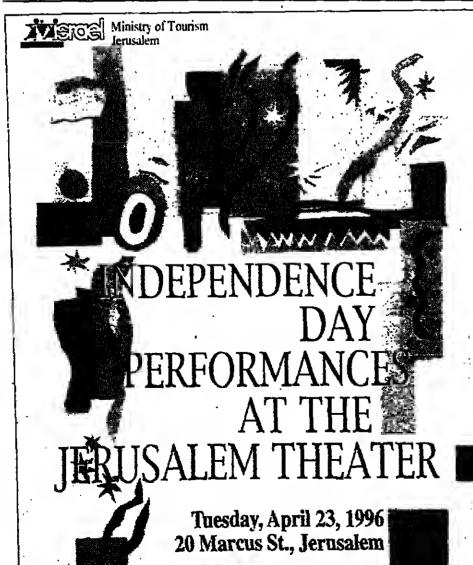
was there, I wimessed it, I know the difference that you made.'
Week after week, Harris scanned the crowds at the prayer se and memorial ceremonies, sure that he would be able to spot his elusive partner. He roamed the corridors of a local hospital, asking nurses if they might recognize his description. As time went on, he thought of placing a classified ad.
Finally, last September, Harris picked up the Daily Oklahoman and

felt his spirits soar. "That's him, that's him!" he shouted, pointing to the small black-and-white photo of Dr. H. Don Chumley, owner of an osteopathic clinic a short walk from the federal building. Then he read the headline. Chumley, a 47-year-old amateur pilot, died on September 24 when his single-engine Cessna slammed into a Texas comfield. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

"It put me in an emotional tailspin," Harris said. "The same sort of emotion I felt when we got down there that first day."

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"Israel's monster comes home":

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died in an explosion in the Melon Market of Haifa. It was the climax

of a campaign - mounted by the

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"To be sure, Iran is a terrorist

Guardian' rearranges history to suit a slander

HITTING THE HEART OF

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

THE line used by a Lebanese official interviewed last week by CNN's Bernard Shaw was familiar. To accuse Hizbullah of inviting Israel's attack by shelling Kiryat Shmona," he said, "is like starting a story in the middle. The Hizbullah was only retaliating for the killing of civilians by the Israelis. Besides, the root cause of the problem is Israel's occupation of Southern Lebanon. All that's needed to solve the problem is to get the occupier to leave."

Veteran journalist Shaw, the most even handed and knowledgeable of CNN's anchors, didn't think of asking if describing Israel's presence in Lebanon as the source of the trouble is not a perfect example of "starting the story in the middle." Israel occupied the "security belt" only to protect itself from terrorist attacks, not the other way around.

But the game of "who did what to whom first" now seems to preoccupy the media more than ever. It may be an inevitable result of the media-generated interest in Palestinian nationalism, and the concerted effort to portray it not as a terror-ridden 30-year-old phenomenon, but an age-old reality harking back to ancient history.

But it is one thing to make inane, childish claims that the Palestinians, descending from the Canaanites, are an oppressed mination for, lo, these 4,000 years; or to argue that the Hizbullah is a latter-day Middle Eastern version of the anti-Nazi French Resistance.

POLITICAL life in Israel is not easy. Many people have commented on the bitter manner

in which some of Israel's top lead-

ers - Ben-Gurion, Begin, Golda

Meir and Dayan, to name but a few

- have ended their careers and their

lives. The demands placed on our

leaders is tremendous, but the

appreciation and respect they

One sometimes wonders where

they find the fortitude and will to

continue, and how much better off

we would all be if support from the

media and people to the govern-

ment they have elected were more

forthcoming.

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receive is often quite limited.

It marked the true beginning of planned, purposeful terror in the struggle for Palestine between Jewish immigrants and native The technique came to a head in the 'ethnic cleansing' of Israel's war

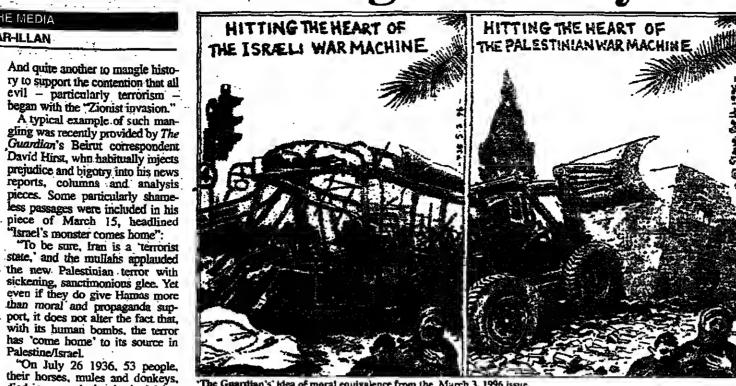
of independence. It left so few Palestinians in Palestine that Israel

every important position imaginable, maybe most notably being involved for decades in the building of Israel's defense industry, and has been at the center of Israeli political decision making from the

It has been a bittersweet career. The most rewarding part of it seemed to have come in 1992 and 1993 when, together with Yitzhak Rabin, Peres led groundbreaking moves toward a comprehensive peace and seemed to have gained not only the Nobel Prize, but, for the first time, the nearly unanimous approval and respect of his own

I am particularly reminded of this When Rabin was assassinated issue these days when I watch Prime Minister Shimon Peres Peres found himself in an almost impossible position. The staggering burden formerly shared by two Peres has had a long and illustritremendously capable leaders was ous career. He has served in public 'now to be borne by Peres alone. life longer than any other Israeli ... These days, the work and the

leader hiving today, has held almost pressures on him are literally



has since portrayed all violence against itself as an external phenomenon. It was either the Arab states exploiting the Palestinian cause for their own ends, or Mr. Arafat and his PLO 'terror gangs.'

THERE we have it: the beginning of "planned, purposeful terror" and all the evil which inexorably followed was the work of the Revisionist Zionists.

The facts, alas, point in a different direction. The 1936-1939 riots in the British Mandate of Palestine began on April 19, 1936 in Jaffa, with the stabbing to death of 11 Jews and the wounding of scores of

The next day seven more Jews were murdered in Jaffa, an Arab mob attacked a Jewish village near Tel Aviv, and disturbances broke out throughout the country.

The Arabs soon declared a general strike, and within a few days. 6,000 Jewish refugees from vulnerable communities sought shelter in Tel Aviv. The United Palestine Appeal (predecessor of

the UJA) announced a drive for an emergency fund for terror victims. For the next three years, the

Arabs of Palestine (who refused to be called Palestinians then; only the Jews were known as Palestinians), were led by the Jerusalem Mufti Haj Amin al-Husseini - later a Nazi enllaborator and a Hitler associate, and the acknowledged hero of today's

In the three years of the Revolt. they killed more than 600 Jews and

were killed by the British security forces.

Like the 1987 intifada, what began as mob violence developed into organized actions. Armed Arab gangs anacked Jewish settlements. civilian vehicles and British police on an almost daily basis.

Forests were destroyed, businesses torched, trains derailed, cars stoned, Arab neighborhoods flattened by British bulldozers, whole towns placed under curfew.

July 26, 1936, the day cited hy Hirst as the culmination of the great Zionist terror campaign, was not unusual. Arab terrorists, ambushing a civilian convoy proceeding from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv near Bab el Wad, were engaged by British troops assisted by RAF planes. Twelve of the terrorists were killed.

In Jaffa the British authorities were preparing barricades in anticipation of the observance of the 100th day of the Arab general strike. Several Jewish "senlements." including Kfar Saba (now a Tel Aviv suburb), were attacked by armed Arab bands. A routine day in British-ruled Palestine.

And what of the Zionist anack on the Haifa Melon Market? A bonib did explode there, but on July 25, 1938, more than two years after the Great Revolt began. By 1938 more than 500 Jews had been killed and thousands wounded by Arab terrorists. Life in Palestine was intolerable.

The desperate British authorities, which until then had insisted on preventing Jews from defending themselves, began training and deploying "night squads" under Orde Wingate to anack ter-

But the British-controlled security forces could not provide adequate protection to the Jews.

By 1938 it was clear that the Jewish leadership's policy of "restraint" was a total failure, and that the concerted, intensive campaign of violence was achieving Arab aims. Not only were Jews being killed in large numbers and immigrants scared away, but the British appointed a Royal Commission which proposed a partition plan that would have given the Jews little more than the Haifa-Tel Aviv coastal strip.

The Arabs, aiming for total victory, rejected the plan. (By 1939, their all-or-nothing stance seemed justi-fied: the British White Paper in effect sealed the fate of the Zionist enterprise. Only World War II and the War of Independence reversed. the course of events.)

It was, then, only when Jewish nien, women and children were being slaughtered by the hundreds that the Irgun Zva'i Leumi launched retaliatory actions against the Arabs, killing at most 100 in the second half of the Revolt.

To state that Jewish terrorists iniriated the age of terror in Palestine with the Haifa bombing in 1936 is like asserting that the Allied air raids on Dresden occurred not in 1945 but in 1940, and that it was the Allies who initiated the bombing of civilian populations.

Such vicious fairy tales belong in the mouth of mullahs inciting congregants to kill Jews, not on the pages of a purportedly respectable and democratic-minded newspa-

Time to give Peres some credit

never-ending. And there is the added factor of physical danger. Until Rabin's assassination the job of prime minister had not seriously been considered life-threat-

Now it is, very much so. Peres must deal, on a daily basis, not only with a buge mountain of work, much of which involves some very tough decisions, but with constant danger to his life.

Under these circumstances be has been functioning amazingly well. displaying courage, determination and calmness that deserves the highest respect. And praise. Praise that should be not only be felt but " could have put together, and on

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acknowledged and voiced, even by those who do not agree with everything be stands for.

Percs continues to be willing to go anywhere and meet anyone. despite heavy restrictions imposed on him by the security services. Since assuming the pre-miership he has accomplished great things.

I don't know of any other prime minister in Israel's history who such short notice, such an impressive list of world leaders to convene to fight terrorism and show solidarity with Israel.

The conference was an amazing accomplishment, one that undountedly will have long-range results that will benefit us greatly. Those who say that the convention was just a lot of empty talk only show their own lack of fore-

Gaining international understanding and support for Israel's position and activities against terrorism, some of which we are witnessing these days in Lebanon, is by itself of tremendous signifi-

It enables us to act firmly, efficiently and on a great scale, with the backing of the international community. And this is only one of many results yet to come. Peres has also managed, in a

matter of a very short time, to gather round him an excellent team, headed by Ehud Barak and Haim Ramon, relatively young men, full of energy and promise, who have already proven themselves in publie life and enjoy well-deserved respect from the general public. If we compare them to the

Likud's top team, we find Binyamin Netanyahu surrounded by Ariel Sharon. David Levy and Rafael Eitan. Older, much more controversial and much less confidence-inspiring, to put it mildly.

The Labor Party should be in excellent position for the upcoming elections, much more so than the opposition who offer no real

answers to any of the issues at hand.

Yet, in recent weeks, one strangely gets the impression as though it is the Likud which speaks with more conviction, promising "peace with security" even though they don't seem to have the slightest hint of how they would achieve it, knowing full well, for instance, that you cannot achieve peace with Syria without giving back the Golan.

Yet it is the government and its prime minister - that same team that has accomplished so much of the seemingly impossible in the past two and a half years - that come across as uncertain about their goal and method, and about finding one clear unwavering voice.

What they need to do is to speak their true convictions loud and clear and let the people decide. Then I bave no doubt that they will be victorious come May 29.

by DOSH

Catch us the little foxes that spoil the vineyards

a central place in the agriculture and economy of Eretz Yisrael since the time this land was. still called Canaan.

In the Tanach and Talmud, the vine and its products occupy the. central place. In Eretz Yisrael's seven representative species, it is listed first among the fruits, after wheat and barley (Deuteronomy g.g). The Tanach lists "new wine," tirosh, 16 times along with corn and oil as the special "blessing of the soil." It also identifies 17 different kinds of vine branches.

Peaceful periods are depicted as those during which the people dwell securely under their own vines and fig trees (I Kings 5:5; Micah 4:4).

Vines and grapes are often used as metaphors for the Jewish people. The parable in Isniah 5, for example, tells in great detail how God's beloved" carefully laid out a vineyard, but when "I hoped it would Fring forth [good] grapes, it brought forth wild grapes." And Isaiah says, in God's name: "For the vineyard of the God of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah are the plant of his delight; and He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; for righteousness, but behold, a

So it is no coincidence that the image of those two men shouldering the pole bearing that large cluster of gigantic grapes is the emblem of Israel's tourist industry, and in effect our second state emblem after the menora. That image is based on Numbers 13:23, which tells of the two scouts who brought that cluster along with some pomegranates and figs to show the people the excellent quality of the Promised Land's

produce. (As we know, the recently liberated Jewish slaves were less impressed by what they saw of these samples of the land's rich produce and the report of the 12 scouts that the land, then still called Canaan, was "a land of milk of honey" than they were depressed by the pessimistic report of 10 of the scouts about the hopelessness of trying to take possession of the

The people clamored to be taken back to Egypt, apparently preferring the Egyptian-bred fish, squash, melons, leeks, onions and garlic supplied to them free of charge as slaves [Numbers 11:3] over the luscious grapes and its by-products they would have to produce by the sweat of their brows.

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(Consequently, they had to spend another 38-odd years in the wilderness, till that slave generation died out. It was only 40 years after leaving Egypt that Joshua and Caleb launched the campaign of conquest at the head of the generation of fighters free-born and -bred in the wilderness.)

Later, the victory coins of the Hasmoneans and Bar-Kochba showed a cluster of grapes as a symbol of the country's fertility.

BUT THE Tanach does not contain any "grapes of wrath," as some people have suggested in their search for a Jewish source for our anti-terror operation in Lebanon. The term is known from the five-

stanza poem, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," by Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) and John Steinbeck's classic novel of that name. The well-known first stanza contains those grapes:

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible, swift sword; His truth is marching on.

The lesser known fifth stanza shows clearly that this is not merely a patriotic poem, but a specifically Christian one:

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea. With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;

As he died to make men holy, let us die 10 make men free. While God is marching on. Howe wrote it in 1861 after vis-

iting Union Army camps around Washington, DC. There she heard the troops sing the John Brown song commemorating the abolitionist John Brown, who was hanged in 1859 for armed insurrection. The first of that song's six John Brown's body lies a-moul-

dering in the grave; (3 times) His soul goes marching on.

She considered this song inadequate, and so wrote her poem, to be sung to the same cadence and tune, which originally was the tune of a revivalist song by William Steffe, "Say, brothers, will you meet us on Canaan's

happy shore?" Many of you may know the tune from singing it to the words of Psalms 133:1, Hinay ma tov uma na'im (3 times) shevet ahim gam

yahad James Russell Lowell gave Howe's poem its title when be published it in The Atlantic Monthly, which he edited.

(See Encyclopedia Judaica, World Book Encyclopedia and The Poetry of Freedom edited hy William Rose Benet and Norman Cousins, N.Y., Modern Library.)

THE CLOSEST the Tanach comes to "grapes of wrath" is in Isaiah 63:3: "I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the peoples there was no one with Me; I trod them in My anger and trampled

them in My fury..."
I guess those who assumed it is in the Tanach also saw this operation as just another example of what many Christians, and Jews as well, see as "Old Testament vengeance." And thus the operation has been portrayed in most of the world's news media.

But in fact, it is in the Christian New Testament - in imagery that may be based on this passage in Isaiah - that we find the thought expressed by Howe.

In Revelation 14 we read: "And there followed another angel, saying. Babylon is fallen, is fallen... because she made all nations drink the wine of the wrath of her fornication...' And another angel [said]: __ gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel... gathered the vine... and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God ... Then we read in chapter 19:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him... in righteousness doth he judge and make war... And... he [will] smite the nations; and... he shall rule over them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God ... "

(Thanks to Rabbi Zev Gotthold and Yehiel Greenbaum of Jerusalem.)

ON DALIA Ya'iri's Inyan Aher radio program last Sunday morning, we were told that the IDF chose this name for the Lebanon operation, as it does names for most of its operations by computer lottery. Where, ob where, has common sense gone? Be that as it may, we read in Song of Songs 2:15: "Catch us the finxes, the little foxes

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Of blind spots and chastisement

"When a person has the leprous curse (nega tzora'at), he shall be brought to the priest ... and the priest must declare it uncleas." tLevitieus 13:9-11)

LTHOUGH it has a physi-A cal manifestation, the Talmude tradition insists that nega tzora'ut is primarily spiritual in nature. Hence the word used to describe the stricken person, metzora, is phonetically connected to the expression motzi ra - one who spreads slander - the cause of the skin blemish. As a consequence of spreading lies that tear at the very structure of society, one is declared a pariah, confined and cut off from society. Hence this "leprous state" contains a crucial moral lesson.

In Tractate Nega'im, we find the following ruling: "A priest may inspect all leprosy symptoms save his own." (Chapter 5. Mishna 2t

In effect, the Mishna is teaching us that an individual sees every imperfection - in others. But when it comes to a hlemish in the priest himself, he must consult another priest; as far as his ability to evalnate his own religious or ethical problem goes, be is considered unreliable. And in the same chapter in Nega im. a similar law is recorded: "A priest may examine all the firstlings [a firstling that bas a blemish may be used as food hut not as a sacrifice] except his own."

Similarly, and most remarkably, if the bigh priest is a sage and a member of the Sanbedrin, he is not permitted to participate in establishing a leap year by

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intercalating the extra month of

The Talmud provides what seems to be a far-fetched reason: since the introduction of an extra month would mean that the Day of Atonement falls later in the year, requiring the high priest to endure cold marble floors when he performs the sacred service in bis bare feet, he may be psychologically prevented from putting in that extra

DOES THE Talmud really believe that a man at the level of a high priest, with the intellectual and saintly qualities needed to be a member of the Sanhedrin, would place a subjective concern about cold floors above the needs of the Jewish people? Certainly we do not suspect the bigh priest of conscious egocentrism. But when it comes to one's own needs, we have to realize that the subconscious has its own needs and desires.

"No one is closer to a person than the person himself," says the Talmud (Sanhedrin 10a).

Hence, in the pursuit of its own needs, the subconscious can dig its way out of any situation. The ability to see one's own faults is rare.

This simple fact of human nature explains why the Bible refers to Jacob's deathbed words to each of his sons as blessings. THE DIFFICULTY in seeing

although they sometimes sound quite harsh. Reuben is described as being "unstable as water." (Genesis 49:4), and regarding Simeon and Levi the patriarch thunders: "Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce, and their wrath for it was cruel." (49:6-7)

From the biblical perspective, the greatest blessing one person can give another is an objective evaluation. Since we cannot see our own blemishes, the individual who does this for us is indeed bestowing a blessing.

This understanding is what the Talmud extols in Tractate Aruchin 16b. There we read how Rabbi Yohanan Ben Uri declares that the heavens and earth should testify how often he spoke to his teacher Rabban Gamliel sabout the faults of Rabbi Akiva.

"But Rabbi Akiya only repaid me with great love in order to fulfill the verse, 'Don't chastise a weak-minded person lest he hate you, but chastise a wise person and he will love you' (Proverbs 9:8).

The wise person loves the chastiser because he knows that rebuke enables him to perfect

It's said that during the 10 Days of Repentance, the Vilna Gaon, whom no one would have dared chastise or rebuke, would hire the Dubter Magid to point out his faults.

one's own blemishes is confounded by the phenomenon of projecting our own faults onto others. As the Talmud puts it: Whoever declares someone unfit, is really rendering himself unfit" (B.T. Kedushin 70a). When someone protests too loudly, usually what he finds so wrong about his neighbor is a reflection of what he finds wrong with himself, but which bis subconscious doesn't allow him to acknowl-

Once a person is directly involved, he cannot be objective. We all must submit our subjective desires to a moral system which stands above individual judgment.

What we learn from this week's portion is that even a priest must go to a priest, even a rabbi must go to a higher authority if he has a vested interest.

Otherwise, even with the best of intentions, he may pervent the law in his own favor. This is the strength behind the halachic strucnire, a system of law greater than any individual. Otherwise anything

goes, anything can be justified. How easily an adulterous relationship could be justified! He wasn't betraying his wife, he was simply saving another woman from death. In his eyes, he was a hero. Would he have been so generous if his own daughter were being treated this way by her busband?

The Torah is clear. No person can see his own blemishes, not even an expert, not even a priest.

We must all learn to accept chastisement with love.

Shabbat Shalom

When force does

The power of pass

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

North-South vulnerable

North (Roth) ♠ A J 10 7 ♥Q982 **♦AJ865**

₹52 **♠** K 3 **♥10765** ₩AJ4 ♦K742 ♦Q109 **₽Q75 ♣**AKJ32

> South (Eisenberg) **4**Q9864 ₩K3 **109864**

North East South West pass 2♥ 14 1♣ pass double 2♠ (all pass)

Opening lead: \$5

THERE is a majority opinion in today's bridge world that the light-opening bid is the best tactic. The sooner you get into the bidding, say the pundits. the easier it is to find a fit and reach game, and the more difficult it is for your opponents to find a

The minority view is for "sound" opening bids. The leading spokesman for this is Alvin Roth, perhaps the greatest American bidding theorist. Roth argues that the light opening bid puts the partnership oo shaky ground, especially in competition. The partnership that plays sound opening bids (13 or 14 points as a minimum) may miss an occasional perfect game contract, but will avoid the disasters of light opening hidders wheo the partner of the opening bidder cannot judge what to do in the middle of a highly competitive sequence.

One of the more subtle advantages of sound opening bids is that the initial pass allows you to bid aggressively on subsequent rounds without misleading your partner. An example is this week's deal, which was played in the Vanderbilt team championship last month in Philadelphia. Roth held the North cards, partnered by Billy Eisenberg in the South seat. There are few players in the world who would pass with the North hand, but that is just what Roth

Perhaps he is a pessimist, you might say, and expected a response of two clubs to a onediamond opening. But Roth passed with the intention of

ACROSS

1 One coming to the rescue of

4 Illegal sitting tenant? (8)

10 It could be topping for

11 Split oil near wing-flap (7)

12 Too many workers may

13 I first left the new Scottish

17 Be short of money whilst in

22 Pool the total of one penny

23 Thorn from southern tree

19 Tidy serviceman? (7,7)

a breezy position perhaps

14 Tap-dance shoe? (4)

father (7)

hlame it (4)

port (5)

describing his hand better on the next round. And, because his initial pass limited his hand, he was

able to bid very strongly.
"Usually," says Roth, "the opposite occurs. A player opens an 11- or 12-point band and for the rest of the auction be is backtracking, whispering his hids, try-ing to slow down his aggressive partner." (When Roth says "whispering his hids," he is joking to some degree, because no truly ethical player would really whisper a bid.)

After Roth's pass, East opened one club and West responded one heart. Roth now eotered with an imaginative two hearts, a cuebid and takeout for the other two suits. Wheo East doubled two hearts, Eiseoberg bid two spades and Roth understood this as a reasonable hand. If, for example, South held a weaker hand with four spades, he could pass the double of two hearts, since his partner still had a chance to hid.

Thus, the bid of two spades was what Roth many years ago termed "a free hid," showing values (highcard or distributional). Roth now surprised everyone with a jump to game. His gamble was a good one but shocking to modern players. How could a man who originally passed suddenly cuebid and leap to game?

The gamble worked. West led a club and Eisenberg ruffed in dummy and led a heart. When the king scored, he was able to crossruff the rest of the hand. He ruffed four diamoods in his hand and four clubs in dummy for eight trump tricks. Add the heart king and diamond ace and it makes 10. Eveo if East had gone up with the ace of hearts at trick two and shifted dramatically to a trump, it would not have helped.

The only way to defeat four spades would be for West to lead a trump initially. If declarer finesses, East wins and returns a trump. Now declarer has only six trump tricks. He can score the ace of diamonds and two heart tricks, but that is one short of the 10 tricks oceded for his contract. A trump lead is indicated when the opponents' bidding suggests more distribution than highcard streogth. Nevertheless, most players are oot experienced enough to find the trump lead, so the fourspade game is a good practical

In summing up his hidding philosophy Roth said afterwards, The power of the pass is that you get a reading on all the hands, provided the deal is not passed

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

24 Two half turns in a skirt (4)

27 Small root is fundamental.

28 What two film stars do in a

29 State to find the queen in

30 City goes first as announced (5)

DOWN

1 Cries over tough-sounding sentimental talk (3-5)

2 Like a speaker perhaps, in so many words (7)

3 Lady who's cruel with less

6 A legal scholar has a point

5 25p of beefburger? (7-7)

that's skilful (4)

gripping leve scene (7)

it is reported (7).



Seed for the birds

ELL, Pessah is over and spriog, bowever fleeting, is bere; so if, like myself, you want to attract tirds of all feathers to your gardeo, then right now is the time to plant a gardeo that is "strictly for

Your bird garden may be of any size, but for practical purposes I bave found that it is best to spade up a strip that is five meters by three meters in order to have an adequate and cootrollable bird garden.

The bird garden can be located wherever you want but I like mine close enough so I can see with the naked eye - or at least with a simple set of binoculars. It should not however, he in a place where there are walls or structures that provide a place for feral cats to mount an ambush. After spading and manuring or

7 Having completed a boring

8 Incur debts before the

3 The last thing one expects

16 Pete's arranged for it to be

16 Lock of hair turned up at

21 Our being confined shows

25 One spotted right underneath the tree (4)

26 Old money, part of two

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Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Overt, 4 Aches, 10 Garotte, 11 Amble, 12 Inept, 13 Salvage, 15 Over, 17 Ochre, 19

Eaten, 22 Resp, 25 Liberty, 27 Repid, 29 Baron, 30 Neptune, 31 Steer, 32 Asked.

DOWN: 2 Verse, 3 Rotator, 5 Crawl, 6 Embrace, 7 Again, 8 Tense, 9 Rebei, 14 Area, 16 Vert, 18 Cabaret,

20 Apropos, 21 Globe, 23 Sying, 24 Adder, 26 Rinse, 28 Pause.

DOWN

1 Bared (anag.) (5)

2 Vestment (3)

4 Rubber seal (6)

5 Share out (5)

3 Thrust (7)

sloping sharply (5)

20 Adam ran off fast (7)

to hear from an orator?

election (3,2)

the front (5)

18 Bags a pair? (8)

bravery (7)

bolivars (4)

22 Rugby union? (5)

(8.6)

D'VORA BEN SHAUL from the pet shop. composting the area, first of all scatter and plant some sunflower seeds. You can buy these from

grams of unroasted seed. Alternatively you can buy them at a pet store as food for parrots. If you can get them you then want a few rape seeds (called garinei hariya in Hebrew).

anyone who sells roasted seeds.

Just ask for a few, maybe 100

These seeds are from a flower that looks very similar to a sunflower, but is in fact much smaller. You might also like to try various varieties of both dwarf and mini-sunflowers. Each has a seed of a different size.

And then, if you can, add a few seeds of sorghum, or some scattered sesame seeds from your own kitchen, even a dozen or so corn seeds. But the best thing is

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to buy up to 100 grams of mixed seed for canaries and finches

will sell you only a 250-gram box since it will keep for next

and fertilized strip, water it about once a week with a sprinkler and by the time the hungry young seed eaters come around you will have a banquet that is certain to attract many birds.

garden a permanent fixture then yon should also think about attracting bulbuls and sunbirds. You will have to plant a couple of hig open-flowered hibiscus, a bignomia and some red salvia These are perennial and the sunbirds will come to them in the fall and winter. For those pestifcrous bulbuls I recommend putting, on the back of the strip, a vine of wild raspberry and a small, fast-growing chinaberry

Do not be dismayed if the shop

Grow all of this in your turned

If you want to make the bird

In my opinion, there can hardly be anything as rewarding as a bird garden; and if you add to this a bird bath and a daily sprinkler shower then you are going to have a lot more avian visitors than you ever dreamed of.

not mean power NICK KOPALOFF not be taken on account of

ARELY is a direct assault 23...Rxf7 24.Rxf7 on the enemy king possi-ble in the early stages of 25.Nxe5+ the game, when play tends to be

geous position.

territorial control.

And space denotes the pieces'

Novices invariably measure

advantage in terms of force. Captured pieces are often lined up

at the side of the board and com-

pered to those of the opponent as

the only true indication of who is

ahead. Bishops and knights are thought to be of equal value

regardless of whether the position

is cramped or fluid; little concern

is given to the other crucial fac-

tors. Some revolutionary thinkers

claim that this preoccupation with material is a direct consequence

of the indoctrination at an early

knows how to balance these fac-

tors and weigh them against each

other in a way that perhaps even a

computer cannot be programmed

The two combatants in the fol-lowing duel shared the Game of

the Day prizes for their efforts.

With his timely sacrifice, Anand,

who halls from not so materialis

tic India, demonstrates that a gain

in force does not necessarily

Anand, Viswausthan -

Le4 e5 2.NB Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5

7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4 b49.d3 d6 18.a5

Bg4 11.Be3 d5 12.Nbd2 h6 13.h3 d4 14.krg4 dne3 15.fre3 Nrg4 16.Bd5 Qd7 17.No4 Bg6 18.Ng2 h5 19.Rt1 Rnd8 20.Rt5

g6. Sokolov seems to have battled gamely and, after the White rook

retreats, is in a commanding posi-

tion. But Anand turns the tables.

guarantee victory.

Wijk Aan Zee 1996

Ruy Lopez (Spanish)

Sekolov, Ivan

The experienced chess player

age of capitalist values.

24.Rafi Qb5 25.g3 Rd7 26.R1f2! Qc5 27.Nb3 Qa7 28.Nxe5?, 28.Rxa6!! woud have dominated by three other factors. Time, also known as tempo, is setted the score 28...Qxe3!! 29.Nxd7 Rh8! an essential ingredient in chess technique. By coaxing, your oppoment to waste moves, your attack can be mounted more swiftly. Material gain, known as force, frequently results in an advanta-

28...Qxe3!! 29.Nxd7 Rh8!
30.Kg2 Rh3 31.Bxg6 Nxg6
32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Kg2 Rd1
34.Rxg6+ Kxg6 35.Ne5+ Kg7
36.Nxg4 Qe1 37.Kf3 Rxf2+
38.Kf4 Rf1 39.Ke3 Qg1 40.Kf3
Rxf2+ 41.Nxf2 Qb1 42,Nd4
Qxb2 43.Nf5+ Kf7 44.Ne3 Qe2
45.d4 Qxa5 46.e5 Qa1 47.Ke4
a5 48.d5 a4 0-1

FOURTEEN-year-old Alik Gershon coasted home in first place in the under-16s "cadet" tournament at the Bikurei Ha'itim chess festival during Pessah. The former world junior champion edged out Sacha Kondin, Roman Bar, and Michael Kosnovitch.

Bikurei Ha'itim also hosted a six-woman eliminator to determine Israel's starting four line-up for the women's olympiad to be played in Armenia in September. Masha Klinova, Ludmilla Chepanskiya, Anna Segal and Ella Pitam captured the top spots and are widely thought to be the strongest women's team the country has ever entered into an

Boris Kantzler took the honours in the strong category-9 tourna-ment, scoring 8 from 11. The new CIS immigrant finished ahead of Han Manor and Leonid Gofsteis, 7.5, and Sophie Polgar, 7.

The category-4 tournament was jointly won by Elinhu Shvidler and Edward Gershpan.

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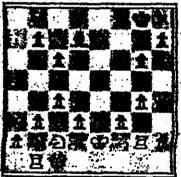


DIAGRAM 2

Solution: The Black king is forced to stray into the center of the board where it gets neary mated after.

1...Rx13!1 2.Kx13, 2.Nxd4 Rf2+ Kxe3 (3.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 4.Kd1 Brg4+) .. 3... Rrg3 . 2... Brg4+
3.Rrg4 Qt2+ 4.Ke4 Qt5+ 5.Kx64 Qe5++ 0-1

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The Taj Mahal failed to move me

HERE, I said it I know there must be something wrong with me. This white marble monument of one man's love for his wife is universally recognized as one of the world's greatest works of art.

Maybe it was the light at that time of day, or the fact that on the day of my visit there was no water in the reflecting pool, but to me, the structure which is known around the world as one man's greatest expression of love to a woman, appeared to me to be just another building.

Truth be told, this has happened to me before - when I first saw the Mona Lisa in Paris, or the Colosseum in Rome or Hagia Sophia in Istanbul. Often, I am far more impressed by a return visit, sometimes years later, when my

expectations are perhaps lower. Still, the Taj Mahal was nevertheless the highlight of my stay in Agra during a press tour to India as the guest of the India Tourist Office (and assisted hy India Express, an Israeli tour company). But in a way my disappointment helped me to be more aware of the other magnificent sights in and around the city. India is a land of surprises, and for me, perhaps the greatest surprise lay in the fact that I was equally or even more impressed by sights I had never heard of than I was by places I had read about for years.

Even without being over-whelmed, I could not help hut be impressed by the Taj Mahal, hy the perfection of the lines of white marble dome reaching heavenward, by the intricately carved marble screens which seem

almost lacelike in their delicacy, and by the exquisite inlay work in which a veritable garden of flowers is preserved in colored marble.

I only truly appreciated the depth of the romance behind the Taj Mahal's origins when I visited the Great Fort of Agra the next day. It was here that Shah Jahan, the Moghul emperor who built the Taj Mahal as a tomb for his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal, was imprisoned for the last seven years of his life by his son, Aurangzeb.

It was here, looking out through an elaborately carved stone screen that he breathed his last breath. After his death, Shah Jahan was buried beside Mumtaz Mahal, in a tomb which is larger than that of his wife, but which stands to the side, the only flaw in the monument's absolute symmetry.

The fort itself is more than a fort. It is a palace that conveys to the visitor a taste of the splendor and luxury, the elegance and the delicate craftmanship that characterized the rule of the Moghuis, the Moslem conquerors who ruled over much of India for more than two centuries.

From the outside, it is stern and foreboding, hut once inside, the visitor is drawn in by its sensuous lines and graceful artistry with a vast maze of corridors and halls, each producing yet another esthet-

Another site which hrought greater appreciation of the Taj Mahal was the tomb of Itmad-ud-Daula, the grandfather of Mumtaz Mahal, the queen buried in the Taj

Although fewer than 10 percent



The Taj Mahal features the perfection of lines of white marble dome reaching heavenward. of visitors to Agra ever make their

way to this monument, one feels that the only reason it is so neglected is because of the presence of the far more famous tomb nearby. Here too one enters through an ornate gate which visually frames the tomb, but this tomb is almost cozy and familial in comparison with the stark white magnificent of the Taj.

cate, perhaps a hint to the fact that the tomh of Itmad-ud-Daula was built during a period in which the Persian influence was still dominant among the conquerors.

When one sees it, one comes to the realization that it was only when this Persian style was influenced by the Hindu art that the architect achieved the soaring elegance that reached perfection in the Taj, a perfection which I hope some day to go back to and fully appreciate.

IN THEORY, after all this splendor. the visit to Fatepur Sikri, the socalled ghost city about an hour's drive from Agra, should have been a letdown. Built by the Moghul emperor Akbar to honor the saint who blessed the emperor and enabled him to have an heir, the city, which is built entirely out of red sandstone, was abandoned only

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14 years after it was completed. Though the stones have withstood the centuries with amazing durability, the entire complex has an air of unreality about it, as if the emperor might return any day to sit on the curious column seat that was his throne, high above the private audience hall. Or as if the women of the court might again laugh and chatter behind the screens of carved stone.

Although the city itself may be deserted, the magnificent white marble mosque housing the saint's tomb nearby is full of life. Built to hold some 10,000 worshipers, it is the focus of pilgrims, Hindu as well as Moslem, who also pray for a son.

We hurried back to Agra that day because, as luck would have it, we were in the city at the time of the Taj Mahotsav, the city's annual festival of arts, crafts, culture and food. In a vast park, bimdreds of producers displayed a wide selection of saris and traditional dresses, leather jackets, brass ware, marble mosaicsand dozens of other artifacts. In a country which is in any case a shopper's paradise, the selection was even bigger - and cheaper -

than ever. The festival, only one of many local festivals and fairs held at varying times throughout India, takes place every Fehruary.

How to get there:

Air India has direct flights to Bombay, with a free flight to one further destination in India. El Al has direct flights to Bombay and New Delhi. Indian Airlines has daily flights to Agra from Bombay and New Delhi. It is also possible to travel from New Delhi to Agra by car or train.

Agra, which is one of the focal points of tourism, has several luxury hotels including the Clarks Shiraz, at which we stayed. Especially memorable was the Mughal Room, a rooftop restaurant with a view of the Taj Mahal which offers European and Chinese, as well as Indian cuisine and which seems to be a favorite of many Indian families.

Where the Palmah secured Jerusalem

SEE IT HERE

Here the mosaics are more intri-

OR a large part of the population the War of Independence is ancient history Many many and the second secon tory. Many people are less interested in the Castel - the hilltop fortress overlooking the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Highway near the twin villages of Maoz Zion and Mevasseret Yerushalayim - than in the shopping mall nn the other side of the highway. Yet it is less than 50 years since Palmah soldiers, evincing considerable bravery and self-sacrifice, captured the

The hilltop was originally fortified by the Romans, and subsequently by the Crusaders, before becoming an Arab village. Following the UN decision to partition Palestine, the Arabs utilized the strategic position of the village to attack con-

voys to Jerusalem, thus cutting off all food supplies to the beleaguered Jewish residents of the city. The National Parks Authority, in con-

junction with the Jewish National Fund, has done an admirable job in setting up a series of signposts along the path up the mountainside, each sign explaining a step in the 1948 campaign. These signs have not been translated into English, although there are general explanations in both Hebrew and English at the foot of the hill and at its crest.

The Castel was captured by the Palmah. retaken by the Arabs and finally captured and held by the Palmah. It was during the counter-attack, when the Arabs retook the stronghold, that the commander of the Arab forces in the Jerusalem area, Abdel Kader El Husseini (father of Palestinian Minister for Jerusalem Affairs Faisal Husseini) was killed.

In that same battle, when the Palmah forces got the order to retreat, they were told that the privates were to retreat first and that the commanders were to stay behind to give them cover.

This, say the signs at the site, was the origin of the well-known IDF command,

There is an air of surrealism about the site, with its neat paths and well-tended trees, surrounded by hundreds of suburban homes. Were it not for a series of memorial plaques for the fallen, it would be difficult to imagine the site as the scene of a battle, and to remain aware of the fact that Jewish Jerusalem might not have survived if the Castel had remained in Arab

In fact, the most perceptible military remains, a series of trenches and bunkers, were installed in the early 1950s, when the Castel was still a strategic point, only 1 1/2km. from the border.

The site is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is NIS. 7 for adults, NIS. 3 for

Book now for summer vacations

N Europe, families often start making their summer-vacation plans by Christmas. Israelis tend to act on the spur of the moment, but a wide variety of travel opportunities are out there for those who want to take advantage of them. With airlines reporting a drop in reservations, this summer could be . a huyers' market,

Diesenhaus has fired the first shot. in what it says will be a price war for organized tours - it's offering deals for those willing to buy now for what it says is up to \$150 less than the going market price. Its 15day family tour of the US and Canada is selling for \$999 (excluding air fare) and its 21-day tour of North America is going for \$1,170 (excluding air fare).

AS PART of its preparations for the summer travel season, Geographical Tours-Neot Hakikar is offering a series of two lectures every Thursday night at ZOA House in Tel Aviv on destinations around the world. Admission for the two lectures for non-clients is NIS

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The trouble with flying via Amman

OYAL Jordanian Airlines cahin safety-facility simulator, used to have 25 different in which the cabin crew can types of menu. Now it "experience" the full excitement has a 26th - kosher.

Waddah Asfour, bead of the catering department at Royal Jordanian's headquarters at Oucen Alia International Airport in Amman said that the kosher meals, actually glatt kosher, are not prepared in Amman but hrought in, frozen, from London.

"We have quite a few requests for kosher food," Asfour told a group of visiting Israeli journalists and travel agents who had come to try the new direct flight between Tel Aviv and Amman. offered by Royal Wings, a subsidiary of Royal Jordanian.

Visits to the catering, engineering and training departments confirmed that Royal Jordanian is far from heing a Third World airline.

Especially impressive was the

of an emergency landing, either onto dry land, or into a large

adjoining pool.

The 35 minutes it took to fly from Ben-Gurion to Amman was less than the time it takes to fly from Tel Aviv or Jerusalem to Eilat, and the Dash 8 plane was more comfortable than the Dash 7 used hy Arkia.

The large, well-appointed duty-free shop at Queen Alia Airport is available to incoming as well as departing passengers. Prices are similar to those at Ben-Gurion Airport, the selection is a little more limited, hut the display is more elegant.

It took three hours for police and immigration officials to sort out our visas.

The mix-up was undoubtedly related to the fact that this was one of the first commercial HAIM SHAPIRO

flights between the two countries, but it was indicative of a bureaucracy that bas yet to free itself from the heritage of the Ottoman Empire.

Even when we left Jordan, our relatively smooth departure involved two separate officials examining each passport and laboriously copying information into ledgers in longhand.

IT IS still not clear how many Israelis will be able to use the Amman option to fly to the Far East, thus saving about \$200. According to Shawqi Abu Ghazaleh, the Royal Jordanian area manager for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, the supply of seats on Far Eastern flights is severely limited. He stressed that Royal Jordanian's low fares are a result of being allowed to fly over Saudi Arahia, thus involving a sborter flying time, a new terminal, with a dnty-free and were not instituted to com- shop, is expected to be opened pete with El Al.

"These prices bave been in existence for years," Abu Ghazaleh said, in reply to talk of a price war.

Many Israelis, however, may be deterred by the need to switch airports in Amman on the return trip from the Far East.

The outhound route, from Tel Aviv to, say, Delhi, is all fairly smooth. The flight to Amman arrives at Alia Airport and the connecting flight takes off a few hours later from the same airport, flying over Saudi Arabia, but not over Iran or Iraq.

But on the return trip, the flight from the Far East lands in the morning at Alia Airport hut the connecting flight to Ben-Gurion takes off some eight hours later from Marka -Amman's domestic airport.

Marka is now rather stark, but

in about a month.

WHEREAS JORDANIAN regulations exempt transit passengers who stay in the terminal from needing a visa (and pas-sengers who want to leave the airport may do so by depositing their passports with the police there), these rules do not cover passengers who are changing airports.

Abu Ghazalch says he hopes to arrange for groups in transit to Tel Aviv to tour Amman and to be able to change airports without visas.

But even if he succeeds in this, which seems doubtful, it still remains to be seen whether Israeli tourists returning from a trip to the Far East will want to spend another eight hours in Amman, whether they tour the city or not.

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The dates: Departure Monday, July 15; return Monday, July 22 The price: US\$1930 per person (with double room

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Participants in this tour will experience the rich culture and folklore of the Jewish community, in an Islamic country. We travel countrywide, from the sands of the Sahara, with its green cases, to the Berber casbas. and the villages high in the Atlas Mountains, to the cities of Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes, Fez, Marakesh, and more. We visit Medinah, where the Rambam sought refuge, the Jewish quarter of Fez, the Oukaineden ski site, the Cascas d'Ouzoud waterfalls, the palace of King Hassan II, and many other sites.

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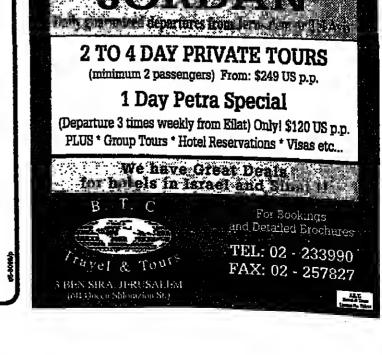
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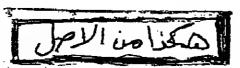


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Those two issues have been core interests of Gilman's more than 23-year career in Congress. Gilman, who assumed the chairmanship of the House International Relations International Relations
Committee following the
Republican takeover of Congress in 1994, is also known as one of the staunchest supporters of Israel

in the House. "Arms sales, terrorism, [foreign] aid. loan guarantees - ynu name it, he was there," said a pro-Israel lohhyist.

On foreign policy matters.
Gilman has perhaps been best
known recently for advocating carefully defined missions for American troops abroad, and for pushing limited peacekeeping rather than peacemaking objec-

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In Benjamin Gilman, Israel has a friend on Capitol Hill, reports Hillel Kuttler in Washington

tives. He scolded the Clinton Administration for the 1993 Somalia fiasco and last winter's deployment of troops to Bosnia. saying their goals had not been adequately articulated.

Gilman has been critical of the Palestinian Authority's performance and last year charged the administration with preparing incomplete reports to Congress that "whitewash" the PA's shortcomings in complying with the Oslo accords.

Gilman also captured attention when he commissioned a General Accounting Office study of the PLO's alleged hidden assets. The report, which was released last year, was inconclusive.

Then Gilman held up \$13 million in assistance to the Palestinians following the recent terrorist bombings in Israel. He says he has no plans to relent and free those funds.
"It's still on hold until we are

satisfied we are going to see some changes and that they are going to be significant changes."
Gilman, 73, said recently in an interview in his Rayhurn Office

Building suite. The State Department's compliance report, sent to Congress on March 1, "left a lot to be

desired as well," he said.

"I know that there is a lot of pressure on to provide funding for the PLO, and they're crying poverty right now and they need to do something for some of the economic problems they're confronted with... [But] we want to see some transparency and accountability of the funding going to [the PA]."

Gilman called recent PA efforts to comhat terrorism "a step in the right direction," hut said they were insufficient.

"We've seen a lot of talk. We want to see some deeds. We want to see that there are actually going to be some initiatives undertaken by the PA to rid itself of terrorism, do something about Hamas and to stop talking about jihad all over the place when they're talking with Arabs. The double-tongue

approach is certainly not helpful."

The standard on which Gilman says he will judge the PA now is "what sort of convictions, what

sort of sentences" terrorists receive - "or are they just going to be slapped on the wrist and allowed to go free in a relatively short time? We want to make sure that these are not just cosmetic

A few weeks ago, Gilman became possibly the only member of Congress to visit Jonathan Poliard since the former Navy analyst was sentenced to life imprisonment for passing documents to Israel.

Gilman said Pollard's morale is "good" and that he "showed a great deal of remorse when he met with us, about what had hap-

In their meeting at the federal prison in Butner, North Carolina. Pollard was "anxious that there be some attention given to his situation," Gilman said.

"I was there primarily to listen and to assess his situation and to try to assure him there were people who were concerned and that we would keep in touch with .him."

Some Democratic advisers in the House offer that Gilman is an ineffective leader of the committee. They say that that has meant fewer hearings on the Middle East, while one that was held last summer on PA performance was heavy with right-wing witnesses On the other hand, some

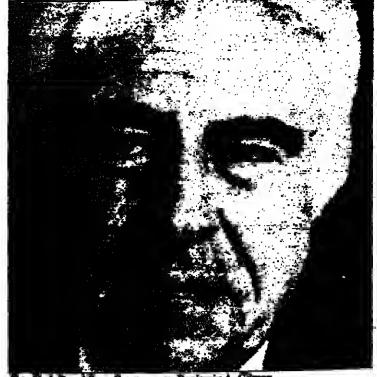
Republicans maintained early in the current Congress that Gilman was too moderate and not in step with the new GOP agenda.

Gilman partisans, however, point to the higher profile Middle East issues attain because they are now aired in full committee (under Gilman's direct control), since the Europe-Middle East subcommittee was eliminated due to Republican-mandated budget-

Gilman helped lead a successful House effort to produce a bill eliminating one federal agency from among the Agency for International Development, the US Information Agency or the Arms Control Development Agency – deemed superfluous. (The Senate has yet to conclude the action and in any case, Clinton has promised to veto the bill.)

And Gilman's committee produced the first foreign aid anthorization bill in 10 years. Pro-Israel lohbyists say that Gilman was responsible for placing in that hill two items important to Jerusalem: raising Israel's status to that of NATO countries regarding the stockpiling of American weapons for future use; and allowing Israel to purchase American defense equipment at prices no higher than what the Pentagon pays.

While conceding that Bill Clinton "has been forthright and



expressed empathy and compassion with what's been happening in Israel," Gilman maintained that "when push comes to shove, Republican nominee Senator Bob Dole could one-up the president by virtue of his legislative experi-

Dole "certainly has the experience, the professionalism, the qualifications, to be able to move [Israel-related] programs more readily through the Senate, through the House," Gilman said.

Gilman rejects the charge that Congress in the first 15 months of Republican rule has retreated into isolationism.

"Far from it. That criticism comes about primarily because of our reduction of funding for the UN," he said. "This is not an isolationist Congress. It's an attempt to make the dollars go further and to make certain that we have the programs that are out there conducted in a more effective manner."

Political puppets steal the show

began to roar, the election campaign virtually disappeared underground. This left the stage clear for *Hartzufim*, the local version of Spitting Image - the groundbreaking British TV political Sharon can huff and puff all they satire that mercilessly rattled the

Nor can anyone complain that puppets favor one party or another. Everyone appears equally absurd - even the "interviewers" and

But it is the image of Shas's spiritual mentor. Rabhi Ovadia Yosef, that has become the undisputed star of the show - and on Shabbat eve. Last Friday he held court as first Peres, then Bihi shuffled forth to grovel and do homage before him. looking even more ridiculous in funny kippot than they did in their wobbly tezzes for the Mimouna

Yosef made his Hartzufim dehut lauding Coca-Cola, in a take-off of the news reports which featured a videoclip of him recommending the fizzy drink during a televised Torah lesson. Shas's threat to call for a boycott of Coca-Cola brought a hasty apology from the company. A similar warning to Channel 2 to halt this "demeaning" use of Yosef's image has left the Hartzigim producers unfazed and unrepentant.

Yosef continues to star in every show, not least perhaps because Channel 2 knows its consumers the viewers - are unlikely to switch off on Friday night. Besides, each "hartzuf" reportedly costs at least \$300 to make. The producers are not about to waste that kind of money by leaving a winning doll in

OH WHAT A LOVELY CAMPAIGN

Operation Grapes of Wrath may have driven party-political point scoring out of the media but it can hardly be said to have rendered the

Peres camp campaign invisible. There he was, hour after hour, sallying forth before the cameras as "Mr Security." First he's off to military outposts in a Rabin-compatible blue flying-jacket, then rushing away 10 high-ranking diplomatic talks as the world's envoys flew in Bibi too managed not to be eclipsed, even if the Likud's shiny new peace motto was kept quietly

under wraps. He looked extremely

fit and photogenic as he skipped over the hills of Galilee, was briefed

THE WEEK THAT WAS MICHAL YUDELMAN

by military top brass, and gave encouragement to the long-suffering northerners huddled in underground shelters. Just keep those

cameras rolling. Even the real Sharon and Raful made amazing comebacks as Lebanon security experts, urging the government to widen the security zone from every television screen. Those who may have forgotten the ins and outs of their last sojourn in Lebanon will no doubt be tuning in to their Hartzufun doubles tonight for some cogent analysis.

WHAT ABOUT THE WEE FOLK?

But what about the political minnows, facing media oblivion because of the "security situation"? Paradoxically, Grapes of Wrath may actually have thrown a desperately needed lifeline to the flourdering Third Way. This one-issue party, which had almost performed issue party when the Syrian track was dumped in the election deep freeze, has been blessed with a

miraculous recovery.

Now that the "new understandings" are the hot topic of the moment and renewed talks with Syria may be their central feature alongside hobbling Hizbullah, Third Way leader Avigdor Kabalani is back in business.

These 10 people can guard the Golan better than 80 Knesset members from Labor and the Likud together," Third Way newspaper ads screamed from atop the security bandwagon this week.

Alas, poor Meretz can only grasp for wispy straws to build new bricks. It can scarcely attack a Labor government when even the Likud is being a model of responsibility and statesmanship. Meretz leaders ilecided the straw to grasp was Foreign Minister Ehad Barak, on whom they pounced and denounced as every bit "as hawkish as Arik Sharon."

In a few days, Meretz campaign ads will blast Barak for trying to set up a coalition of Labor. Shas and the National Religious Parry, if Labor wins the elections. If Barak succeeds, who will be left out in the cold? No prizes, of

course, for guessing Meretz. Meretz Knesset faction chairman Ran Cohen complained this week that both doves and hawks in Labor are courting the religious and hare-di parties, trying to outdo Likud with post-election promises.

TASTELESS IN KINAR

How much bad taste would one: need to throw a party on Holocaust. Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance. Day? Almost as much as Agudat Yisrael was accused of this week when it opened its three-day national convention in the Kinar guest house on the Kinneret on that of all

Labor and Likud actables were hordified at such gross timing by a haredi party but they choked back public triticism that might start angry exchanges with haredon. Yes, it's election time all right. That didn't stop scandalized MKs

furning in private. "It may be kosher, but it stinks," they muttered.

(The reference was to the old Jewish joke of the man who asked his rabbi for enidance when his wife accidentally dropped the Shabbat dinner chicken in the toilet.)

Only Meretz's Ran Cohen, whose party has nothing to lose on this front demanded that Agudat Yisrael hold off its convention. "Holding a festive political gathering on this date arouses resentment and displays a lack of sensitivity to the Holocaust," he snapped succincily. Cohen said only Agodat Yisrael, whose leaders pretend to speak for the Jewish people and claim a mossopoly on Jewish affairs, could demonstrate such blatant contempt for the memory of the Holocaust vic-

Agadat Yignet leaders remained indifferent. They should care, with both Peres and Netagyaku falling over one other to promise them anything they want in never for delivering these precious Agodat Years: voters. Addresses by Peres and Bibi, slated

at the highlight of the convention, were (of course) held over to the soccad day.

The leaders were to be followed to the Agudat Yisrael podium by Housing Munister Binyamin Ben-Eliczer, and Sharon, each hoping to ondo the other with pleages of more housing for haredi families.

TO-ONE is quite sure who is responsible for the posthu-meus plagiarism or whether it will be redressed, but Zvi Raviv. international coordinator for Jerusalem 3000, believes that if Yitzhak Rabin were alive, he would be the first to correct the error. Raviv was among the guests who this week attended the ceremonial presentation at Sacher Park by Japanese industrialist Rikihiro Madarame who after starting business operations in Israel said that he wanted to do something special for Jerusalem.

What he chose was a Bonsho - a Japanese bell. When Master of Ceremonies Aryeh Orgad announced that the bell had been engraved in Japanese, Hebrew, Arabic and English with sayings by Rabin, Raviv moved closer to read the immortal words. Then, turning to Yuvai Rabin, the late prime min-



Alexander Zvielli, who was cheered by his fellow 'Post' staffers for his 75th birthday. (David Rubinger)

ister's son, he pointed out that the quote attributed to his father was in fact verse 6 of Psalm 122, which to the best of his knowledge, was written hy King David.

Posthumous plagiarism from the psalms

the neat trick of turning into a no-

WHEN HE was a young man in his native Warsaw, recalled Alexander Zvielli, "the Jews had no weapons, but they fought with words." One of these word warriors, Isaac Bashevis Singer - who inter alia worked as a proof reader in the printing press owned by Zvielli's father - went on to win the Nobel prize for literature. Other prominent figures whom Zvielli knew in his youth included Moshe Sneh, Menachem Begin and Avraham Stern, each of whom left

an imprint on Jewish history. Zvielli, to whom words are holy, was given a surprise party hy his

GRAPEVINE GREER FAY CASHMAN colleagues at The Jerusalem Post on the occasion of his 75th birthday. A prolific, informative writer who started out at the old Palestine Post

> press management. Zvielli subsequently transferred to the archives which he headed for many years, and where he continues to work part-time. Current archives chief Nina Keren David who organized the surprise party, recalled that when she first came to work in Zvielli's department, he had impressed upon her that archives were the temple of the newspaper and that each file was holy. Even today, when a file goes missing, she confessed, she is

always afraid of Zvielli's reaction.

as a linotype operator, and rose to

Bnai Brith World Center's Wolf and Hilda Matsdorf prize for journalism were Michael Karpin, Micha Shagrir and Romen Bergman. The Jerusalem Post's Avraham Rabinovich received an honorable AMBASSADOR Martin

WINNERS OF this year's annual

Indyk has of late spent most of his time in Jerusalem, shuttling between the Foreign Ministry and the Prime Minister's office. But he managed to make time on Sunday to attend the lively spring party hosted by the management of the Sheraton Tel Aviv to introduce the hotel's new general manager Tom Hegarty, who is also Vice President of ITT Sheraton and area manager of Sheraton Hotels, Israel. Other diplo-mats present included Turkish

Chinese Embassy counsellor Chen Laiyuan, Ruth Zeisler commercial: attache of the Canadian Embassy plus several others. The tourism industry was well represented by fig-ures such as Avi Rosenthal, director. of the Israel Hotel Association, David Rudner, general manager of TWA, Nira Droc, general manager of British Airways, El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman, Shumel Marom director of Unitours and Rudolph Shmueli director of Capitol Tours. Actress Aviva Marks who seems to be on everyone's invitation list was also there, as were singer Anat Atzmon and Nava Disentchik, General Manager of the Tel Aviv Center for Performing Arts.Guests were able to take a cook's tour through the banquet room which was divided into a Far-Eastern buffet pavilion, a French bistro and an Italian espresso bar.

FRENCH FASHION emperor Pierre Cardin is due to fly into in Filat in his private plane at the end of the month for an international seminar at the Royal Beach Hotel for 250 of his franchisees from 30

ambassador Barios Ozenen, commies including Jordan Egypt Morocco and Tunis. In addition to business, Cardin, as UNESCO's ambassador for peace, also has a peace mission here, and will inaugurate a peace forest near Eilat. Unlike most other celebrities who come to this part of the world, Cardin will not include Jerusalem in his three day visit.

> ANOTHER FRENCH celebrity en route to Israel is actress Anouk Aimee who will grace the Tel Aviv Commatheque's French film festival both on and off screen.

LOCAL designer Gershon Brann who studied and worked in Paris, is showing a new collection on behalf of the Israel Multiple Sclerosis Society for the 10th consecutive year. The event, which will be held on April 30 at the Moadon in Tel Aviv, also celebrates the Society's 30th anniversary. Among those in attendance will be the Society's honorary president Professor Michael Sela of the Weizmann Institute, Ruth Dayan chairperson of the Friends of the IMSS, Health Minister Ephraim Such and Tel Aviv Mayor Rocki Milo.

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omy.
The Brodet Report - which included a thoroughly studied. politically impartial, and professionally sound plan to drastically reduce and legally cap the hanking sector's non-banking boldings - was expected to cruise smoothly through the Knesset, after baving been endorsed hy the government.

In reality, the various amend-ments to the Banking Law might not be fully completed by the Knesset Finance Committee for approval by the plenum in its scheduled meeting on April 29, when the bill may be brought for its second and third readings. If delayed, the bill might get lost in the political storms which surely await the next Knesset, and Israel's highly deformed hanking scene might remain such for . an extended period of time.

During its meeting yesterday, the Finance Committee beard senior bankers voice their misgivings concerning the proposed reform, ranging from Discount Bank's concern for the future of its 25 percent holding in the First International Bank to Bank Leumi's anxiety over the fate of its share in Visa's local outlet.

Yet these and other specific complaints cannot divert our attention from the banks' refusal to wait quietly as the Treasury, the Bank of Israel, and the Knesset perform a long overdue operation on their ailing bodies.

When the market value of publicly traded companies owned by four local conglomerates is larger than half the total value of the focal capital market some thing is fundamentally deformed. When banks domi-

their stakes in such companies as fuel distributor Delek, cement monopoly Nesher (both Hapoalim), or realtor Africa Israel (Lenmi), our economy

seems downright incestmous. And when our banks' proportionate non-financial boldings are at least three times those m any other developed economy's banking sector, one gets a grim reminder of Israel's proximity to the Third World.

Altering these anomalies is what the Brodet Report is about, and aborting this plan is what the major banks bave set out to achieve.

Minister Both Finance Avraham Shohat and MK Dan Tichon, the opposition leader in the Finance Committee, have urged the Knesset to pass the bill, rather than the buck. Yet, too many MK's seem to beed the varied cries coming at them from the banking community, including the disingenuous argument that "the public had insufficient time to study the report."

MK's who choose to lend their ears to the bankers' varied complaints should bear in mind that the major banks are still state owned, and the people leading them are - at the end of the day - bureaucrats, whose business performance has often been unimpressive.

In fact, implementing the Brodet Report to the letter, coupled with the banks' slow but consistent privatization process, would ultimately make many local bankers face the fierce scrutiny of intensified competition - including that of currently absent foreign banks - in a spe-cialized rather than diversified

Understandably, and much like the stereotypical bureaucrat, many Israeli bankers want none of these winds of change. But we the people, both as customers and its taxpayers, should wel-come them, and our legislators should deliver them on sched-

4 major Scitex owners up stake in firm

Two minor shareholders file class action suit

THE four largest shareholders of Scitex have invested \$20.8 million over the last 10 days in the purchase of more than one million Scitex shares in response to hightech entrepreneur Davidi Gilo's attempts to launch a hostile takeover of the Herzliya-hased

The purchase has increased International Paper Company. Clal Electronic Industries, Discount Investment Corp., and PEC Israel Corporation's aggregate shares in Scitex to 38.6 percent from 36%.

International Paper and Clal acquired one-third of the shares. increasing their shares in Scitcx to 13% and 12.75% respectively. Discount Investments and PEC each purchased one-sixth of the stock, increasing each company's

Discount Investments yesterday

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GEOTEK Communications plans

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less technology. The company plans to sell FHMA-based infra-

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applications to mobile radio net-

work operators and estimates that FHMA-related equipment revenues will come to \$400 million

annually.
The new company, which will have its headquarters in Montvale, New Jersey, will integrate Geotek's research and development, production and manufacturing, and mobile data subsidiaries.
"Geotek is uniquely poised to seize a significant portion of [the] growing mobile business equipment market," said Geotek CEO Yaron Eitan. "By investing in research and development, exploring ways to enhance our existing system to work in other

FHMA technology.

annually.

said the purchase is an indication of the shareholders confidence in

On April 9 and 10, the shareholders purchased 225,000 Scitex ordinary shares for \$4.3m., equivalent to \$19.11 per share. From April 11 through April 16, they acquired an additional 805,000 for S16.5m., equivalent to S19.08 per

In comparison, Scitex was trading at \$14 per share on March 29. the last day of trading before Gilo publicly announced his intentions to purchase Scitex for \$20 per

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on the legal aspects of his takeover scheme.

Two of Scitex's minor shareholders reportedly filed a class action suit at a New York court early last week against Scitex's major shareholders, the company, and 13 of its directors.

The suit criticizes the defendants' decision to reject Gilo's offer and claims the refusal shows that they do not operate in the interest of all shareholders and with the intention of improving Scitex's business perfor-

In reaction, sources close to Scitex said the class action suit is another one of Gilo's attempts to pressure the shareholders to negotiate the shares'

According to the sources, the A source close to Gilo said the suit will have no influence on the

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THERE is no economic significance to claims regarding the banks' calculation of charges to the kibbntzim in light of the. widespread write-offs and debt reschednling, Dr. Daniel Sidon concludes in an opinion com-missioned by Bank Hapoalim in reaction to the Procaccia-

Sidon, a senior economics lec-turer at Tel Aviv University, is a specialist in macro-economics and growth procedures. His opinion is based on a comparison of the amount of resources that were available to the kibhutzim and the volume of kib-butz consumption and real investments. The report shows that kibhutzim consumption was much higher than income over the last three decades, especially in the 1980s, implying that the kihhutzim are directly responsible for their accumulat-

interest calculation, Sidon said kibbutz debt to the banks would bave been much higher than their remaining debt after the government's and hanks' buge write-offs as part of the debt arrangement plan, irrespective of the method of interest calcu-

"The implication is that even if we ignore the hanks method of calculation, by definition, we will avoid disagreements regarding the method of calcu-lation, and we will find that the kihbutzim's remaining dehts to the banks, assuming they are calculated in a reasonable way, is higher than the calculated balance after the banks' and government's write-offs.

Taking into account the significant write-offs and debt rescheduling, there is no eco-nomically significant to the

claims regarding the method of interest calculation," he further

Commenting on the bank's Formula posts profits of NIS 8.7m.

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Quarterly revenues were NIS 77m., from NIS 29m.

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Keter Publishing reported a drop in 1995 net profits to NIS

3.87m. from NI\$ 25.13m. Annual revenues were NIS 32.3m. from NIS 34.19m. Earnings per share were NIS 0.44 from NIS 2.88.

Property sales accounted for NIS 400,000 of net profits, returns on property tax were NIS 600,000; betterment tax was NIS

Mul T Lock annual net profits for 1995 were NIS 10.6m., down from NIS 11.95m. in 1994. Revenues were NIS 262.99m., up from NIS 226.1m. Earnings per share were NIS 0.69, compared to NIS 0.67 the previous year. Results were influenced by

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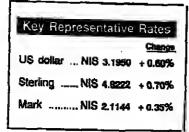
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Stocks rise for 3rd straight day

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ISRAELI stocks jumped for a third day yesterday as investors expected the weaker shekel to lift export companies' profits and on hopes that the government will cut the budget deficit after the May 29 elections.

The Two-Sided Index rose 1.49 percent to 197.1 yesterday, while the Maof Index rose 1.41% to 207.6. Some NIS 71.1 million of shares were traded. Five issues

rose for every one that fell. The Two-Sided added 3.4% for the week while the Maof tacked on 3.8%, which was the biggest rise this year.

Of the reasons for the rise, the "most obvious" is the dollar strengthening against the shekel, said Eran Goren, head of institutional sales at Zannex Securities.

The shekel weakened to 3.195 to the dollar yesterday, from yesterday's 3.176. The exchange rate was 3.09 a month ago and 3.107 on April 1.

Companies like chemical mannfacturers do well when the shekel weakens since their products become cheaper for overseas buyers, Goren said.

Four prominent chemicals companies rose yesterday: Israel Chemicals added 1.17%; Makh-

teshim rose 1.26%; Agan advanced 2%; and Dead Sea Works climbed 2.45%. The most active stock on the

exchange was Teva, up 4.75% with NIS 6.3m. of shares traded. The drug maker's shares traded in New York are up as much as 2% to 45%. Biocraft Laboratories, a US drug maker that Teva plans to buy, received two approvals to produce generic drugs from the US Food and Drug

Administration Mofet, a holding company for technology and other investments, leaped 7.44%, after advances of 6.5% on Wednesday and 6.25% on Tuesday.

Goren cited speculation that the company might be planning to take public one of the communies in which it has an interest, which could increase the value of its investment. A spokesman for Mofet wasn't available for comment.

As for the overall market, there's also more talk and more feeling about budget cuts after the elections," Goren said. "The more talk, the happier the mar-

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Markets up on German rate cut

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Leading shares closed higher, bolstered by news of a surprise half point cut. in German interest rates and continuing bid speculation. Wories about the Dow's prospects after stronger than expected data helped pare blue chip gains by the close but second line stocks moved further into record ground. The FTSE 100 was 15.1. points higher at 3,820.7, just short of the 3,825.3 peak made on

FRANKFURT - The dollar's bank's supprise rate cut lifted the ed down 53.40 points at German share market to modest gains. The DAX share index, which had languished around 2,519 points before the Bundesbank announced its rates decision, took heart from the dollar's subsequent strength and ended the session at 2,535.52, up 11.34 on the day. In post-bourse trade the index rose 4.36 to 2,524.18.

PARIS - French shares rose sharply yesterday after the Bundesbank cut its interest rates but finished off their highs as the CAC-40 index hit strong resistance at the 2,100-mark, dealers said. The CAC-40 index closed up 10.84 at 2,085,96 after easing from a session high of 2,100.56.

ZURICH - Swiss shares closed little changed in sizable volumes after a mixed day. Dealers said the Bundesbank cut in German rates caused some uncertainty in the market. But the Swiss National Bank left its discount rate unchanged at 1.5 percent. The all-share SPI ended at 2,310.93 points, up 3.48 points from yesterday's close. TOKYO - Shares ended un-

sharp decline is New York overnight. Brokers said the market might continue its consolidation before resuming its advance next week when fresh funds were expected. The 225-share Nikkei average finished down 3.72 points at 21,812.50.

HONG KONG - Shares closed down but well off steep lows reached on Wall Street's plunge sparked by concern over the dollar's increasing strength. The gains in the wake of the Boudes- blue-chip Hang Seng Index end-

> SYDNEY - The share market ended lower after an afternoon session where sellers asserted control as rumors ran rife of a large institutional portfolio overhanging the market. The All Ordinaries index closed 10.2 points lower at 2,266.8. After a directionless morning session, the bourse stated sliding shortly after lunch as traders bailed out amid talk of a large portfolio, variously estimated between A\$100 million and A\$250m., being offered around the market.

JOHANNESBURG - Aggressive international fund buying propelled South African stocks upwards for the third consecutive day as the weaker rand stabilized enticing foreigners scared off by the currency's recent volatility. Dealers said initial demand had once again focused on commodity and rand-hedge stocks but interest had spilled over into other heavyweight industrials. The all-share index ended 35.5 points stronger at 6,895.3, the industrial index rose 42.2 to 8,370.5 and the gold index added 24.3 to 1,862.0.

Dow rises slightly WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechips stocks closed slightly higher yesterday after shaking off the weakness in oil company shares, and the broader market rose sharply on the strength of tech-

notogy stocks. Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial

average ended 1.81 points higher at 5,551.74.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 4-3 on active volume of 413 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange. The Nasdaq composite iudex rose 15.43 points to 1,136.30

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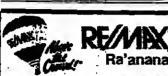
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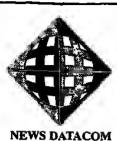
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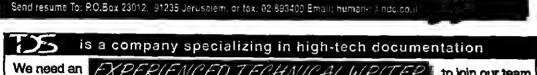
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IDF DEMONSTRATIONS

The demonstrations will include a countrywide fly-past, and coastal maneuvers. The main demonstration will take place with the assistance of the Tel Aviv Municipality, from 1-2 p.m. It will include: A fly-past of fighter aircraft, transport planes and helicopters, aerobatics, and mid-air refueling. There will also be a demonstration of free-fall parachuting, and parachuting into the sea. The flight paths of the fly-past aircraft will be over Ashkelon, Ashdod, Tel Aviv, Herzilya, Netanya, Haifa, Nahariya, Acre, northern Gaillee settlements, Safed, Kiryat Shmona, Tiberias, Beit Shean, Jerusalem, Arad, Dimona, Yeroham, Mitzpe Ramon, Beersheba and Ellat. In addition, there will be an air display over the Valley of the Cross (Sacher Park) in Jerusalem between 12 noon and 1 p.m. It will include a demonstration of aerobatics and parachuting. The fleet will consist of missile boats. Dvora and Dabur craft, and naval commando boats. The fleet will proceed from Haifa, south along the Israel coast, to Rishon Lezion. At approximately 4:30 p.m., the fleet will maneuver off the Haifa coast. The fleet will then sail past Nahariya to Rosh Hanikra.

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the struggle for statehood, and up to the present. On show, accompanied
by explanatory texts, are original weapons - light hand weapons, armored
cars, tanks, cannors, photographs, and newspaper cuttings. Also on show are gifts and mementos received by ministers of defense and chiefs of stall, collections of rare rifles, machine guns and pistols, and there are pavilions of vanous army corps. In the chronologically presented exhibits, emphasis has been placed on the personal and human stones behind the

New at the Museum; "On the Way to Peace," documentary film that summanues the military campaigns, from the War of Independence to the current peace process, and a special exhibit devoted to "peace processes since 1949, and the signing of cease fire agreements up to 1994.

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ters compound that has been there for 18 years," said Goksei. fire Katyusha rockets from the He stressed that the 1DF Fijian battalion area on Monwarning to the UN that it would day. In that incident, Fijian solreturn fire occurred after the ardiers spotted the gunmen and a tillery rounds were fired. patrol was sent to ask them to

Goksel said UN officers had immediately contacted that IDF and asked it to cease firing, because the shells were hitting the Fijian compound.

The shooting stopped, hut by then it was too late. All available UN personnel, emergeocy and rescue services were sent to the scene as soon as reports of the shelling were received. At one stage, contact with the Fijian headquarters was broken nff by the shelling.

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The shelling of the Fijian compound followed as incident earlier in the day in which IAF helicopter gunships hit an apartment huilding in Nabatiya after Hizbullah gunmeo were seen running into it for shelter following another attack.

The IAF then blested the building, killing 11 people, iocluding seven children, the Lebanese army said.

Aoother 10 people were wnnnded in an cerly mnrning strike on a village three kilometers north of Nabatiya. After the attack, rescuers end Lehanese army suldiers wurked by hand and with shovels and hulldozers tn cleer the rubble in their search for bodies or survivors.

Artillery shells fell nearby, interrupting the rescue operation and scoding people diviog for

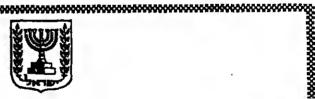
One building took s direct hit and collapsed. Another building 200 meters away was severely damaged.

An IDF officer said one of the huildings was attacked after anti-aircraft missiles were fired from it at Israeli warplanes.

Israel Radio said that Hizbullah fired new volleys of Katyushas into the North during the night and the morning, injuring a woman passenger in a car in Kiryat Shmona,

Prime Minister Shimon Peres placed responsibility squarely oo Hizbollah for the Nabatiya attack. "If there were civilians this house, it was a crime. You cannot go and take over a civilian house and fire on our forces," Peres told reporters after meeting with Yasser Arafat at the Erez checkpoiot. "We told all civilians to leave."

Inn Immanuel contributed to this report.



STATE OF ISRAEL

Remembrance Day for the **Fallen of Israel's Wars**

The day we remember our dear ones

On Monday, April 22, sirens will sound throughout the country at 8 p.m.

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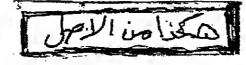
memorial light for our fallen heroes

On Tuesday, April 23,

sirens for a minute's silence will sound at 11 a.m., at which time national memorial ceremonies will be held at military cemeteries, and services will take place in cemeteries where the fallen are buried.

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Jerusalem No. 1 in Tel Aviv

Last-moment basket gives team first ever State Cup win

HAPOEL Jerusalem captain Adi Gordon gave sponsor Nahum Manbar a 50th birthday present he and the rest of the capital won't ever forget last night, scoring on an underhand lay-up with just 3 seconds to play to give Jerusalem its first ever State Cup victory, 67-65 over Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Only seconds after turning the ball over during a precious previous scoring opportunity, Gordon ran down the clock before dri-ving to the left of the basket and hoisting the winning shot that sent some 5,000 Jerusalem fans running onto the Yad Eliahu floor and others into the capital's streets to celebrate the historic triumph.

Aided hy the strong inside play of Billy Thompson, who now has a State Cup title to add to his NCAA and NBA championship rings, and Norris Coleman, who gained a measure of revenge against his former club, Gordon got the game-winner in the final as he had in the semifinal against. Bnei Herzliya.

The shot also gave coach Pini Gershon - known for popping in a victory iollipop after a victory the sweetest taste of all: a big win over Maccabi coach Zvika Sherf. with whom he's been fending for

Both clabs deserve tremendous credit for a hard-fought defensive game, reflected both in the score and the fact that both teams used up almost all the fouls they had to give. But in the end, Gordon, Thompson and Coleman wouldn't let their dedicated fans go home empty-handed, making good on their promises to finally bring a major basketball title to

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Maccabi looked like they were on their way to their 29th State Cup crown earlier on. With Tom Chambers hitting two early threepointers, Maccabi led 29-24 and 36-32 at halftime, after a fine Doron Jamchee pass to Nadav

Henefeld at the buzzer.
But Henefeld symbolized what
may have cost Maccabi the game, hitting only 2-6 from the foul line. Coupled with some important misses by Curcic from the charity stripe during crunch time, the missing points were sorely felt by Maccabi, which unofficially was only 19-28 from the line.

It was three-point shooting - the weapon they had largely aban-doned earlier in the game - that got Jerusalem back into the con-test. Trailing 39-37, Hapoel got a three from Coleman, then one from Gordon moments later to take a 43-41 lead with just under 15 miuntes left. However, Jamchee's three straight foul shots put Maccabi back ahead, and a basker by Motti Daniel had Maccabi well in sight of the title at 55-50.

But Coleman - who had been held to six points in the first half and Thompson, who managed to avoid his fifth foul despite picking up his fourth with 15:20 remaining, were unstoppable in the stretch. Katash lifted Maccabi to a 59-56 advantage, but Jerusalem came right back, with Thompson's jumper giving them a one-point lead with 3:30 to play.

Maccabi, playing inside to Curcic as they had all year, paid the price when he missed both

foul shots with the score tied at 61. Thompson - the consummate professional who last night won the battle of ex-NBA stars from Chambers - scored again to make it 63-61 before Curcic corrected himself by getting his next two from the foul line to tie it at 63. That's when Coleman - wbo was dropped by Maccabi Tel Aviv

after playing for them last season - slammed home a dunk to put Jerusalem ahead again, and the ecstatic sea of red-garbed Jerusalem fans in the stands threatened to spill over onto the

However, Leaf - who filled in admirably for Oded Katash when the young point guard injured his ankle and had to leave the contest for about eight minutes - hit both of his foul shots to knot it at 65, setting up the final minute of

Hapoel, with Gordon leading a break, seemed on the verge of scoring, but Gordon beld up, retreated from the basket, and then turned the ball over. Maccabi took over, but Chambers fired up a wild shot and Curcic couldn't hold the rebound, giving Gordon his chance to run down the clock and score the biggest basket in Hapoel Jerusalem history. Maccabi got one more chance with just over a second to play. but was unable to do anything in the time remaining.

Thompson led Jerusalem with 21 points on better than 75% from the field, while Coleman had a big second half, totaling 13 of his 19, most when the game was on the line, For Maccabi, Chambers and Curcic each had 15, while Leaf

With no replacement goalkeeper on the bench, South African

LONDON (AP) - Roy Keane

scored the winner against a 10-

man Leeds team which had its

goalkeeper sent off as a tense Manchester United gained a 1-0

victory Wednesday to remain three points ahead of Newcastle in

Newcastle also scared a 1-0

home victory against relegation-

threatened Southampton with vet-

eran Peter Beardsley missing a

penalty. Kevin Keegan's team

trails by three points but has an

Leeds goalkeeper Mark Beeney

was sent off for a professional

foul only 16 minutes into the

game at Old Trafford when he ran

out of his area to beat Andy Cole

to the ball but bandled it a yard

extra game to play.

defender Lucas Radebe took over in goal but Manchester United frustrated its fans with poor fin-

NOTHING TO IT - Newcastle's Robert Lee fires the ball into the Southampton goal during their game Wednesday.

Eric Cantona twice fired into the crowd from close range as United wasted chances out Keane drove home an 18-year shot in the 72nd minute to settle their nerves.

At St. James' Park, England midfielder Robert Lee nened after 10 minutes with his first Newcastle goal for four months after a linkup with Colombian forward Faustino Asprilla. Beardsley missed a 33rd minute penalty when Dave Beasant saved his spot

In other Premier League games fourth place Aston Villa was held 1-1 at home by West Ham. defending champion Blackburn edged Wimbledon 3-2, and the Nottingham Forest-Coventry and Sheffield Wednesday-Chelsea games were goal-less.

At Villa Park, veteran Irish international defender Paul McGrath put Aston Villa ahead after 27 minutes hut Tony Cottee equalized for the Hammers five trunutes before the end.

Alan Shearer, playing his final game before he goes into bospital for surgery on a persistent groin injury, scored twice for Blackburn at Ewood Park.

The England striker netted after 13 minutes to become the first player ever to score 30 top-flight league goals for three successive seasons.

minute equalizer but Shearer slotted home his 37th league and cup goal of the season to put Blackburn back in front a minute into the second half.

Keane strikes late for United Heague - Aston Vilka 1, West Ham 1; Blackburn 3, Wimbledon 2; Manchester United 1, Leeds 0; Newcastle 1, Southampton 0; Nottlingham Forest 0, Coventry 0; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Chelsea 0.

Robbie Earle scored a 22nd-



Pistons beat Pacers, move up in playoff race

Houston scored 31 points as the Detroit Pistons defeated the Indiana Pacers 102-93 on Wednesday, further muddling the (50-30), who had a six-game win-

The Pistons (45-34) moved into the Eastern Conference. a tie with the idle Cleveland Cavaliers for fifth place in the Eastern Conference.

Otis Thorpe and Terry Mills added 19 points each for the Pistons, who have won six of their

Rik Smits scored 18 points and Mark Jackson and Ricky Pierce added 17 apiece for the Pacers middle of the Eastern Conference ming streak snapped. Indiana has already locked up the third seed in

Warriors 109, Timber wolves 103
Lanell Sprewell scored 31 points as visiting Golden State kept its playoff

hopes alive.
The Warriors (36-44) remained within two games of the Sacramento

play well for a solid 60 minutes," Jets coach Terry Simpson said.

"We've had trouble with consis-

tency and it was there again

Capitals 6, Penguins 4

The visiting Capitals beat the Penguins in Game 1 of a playoff

series forthe fifth straight time.

Krygier's goal at 12:26 of the third period broke a 4-4 tie, and

Miehal Pivonka added an empty-

net goal with four seconds

remaining for Washington. Petr

Nedved scored goals 11 seconds

apart in the first period, a playoff

record for a Pittsburgh player.
"We usually can bury a team

once we get a lead," Penguins for-ward Glen Murray said. "But we

Ray Sheppard had two goals and an assist in the first playoff game in Panthers history. Goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck

had 42 saves for host Florida,

while Stu Barnes and Robert

Syehla each had two assists. The

Tonight is only one game and

we have three more wins to go,

Sheppard said. "I'm sure Billy

Ranford will be better. Hopefully,

Blackhawks 4, Flames 1

benched for poor play early in the

season, sparked Chicago's offense

after Calgary took an early 1-0 lead on Sheldon Kennedy's goal.

It was the Blackhawks' first win

this season over the Flames, who

went 2-0-2 against Chicago in the

Joe Murphy answered his critics

we will be too."

regular season.

simply stopped playing."
Panthers 6, Bruins 3

Kings for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot. "It was a tough game," Warriors coach Rick Adelman said. "They kept

making runs at ns. We have to win two more to make the playoffs."

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS: New Jersey 167, Toronto 95 Philadelphia 96, Miana 86 Boston 121, Washington 106 Detroit 102, Indiana 93 Golden State 109, Minnesota 103 Scattle 96, Portland 90 Sacramento 103, Phoenix 102

Juventus advances despite loss

NANTES, France (Reuter) - Juventus reached its first European Cup final since the 1985 Heysel disaster on Wednesday despite a 3-2 defeat by determined French champions

The Italians, 2-0 up after the first leg, won the semifinal 4-3 on aggregate and virtually scaled their place as early as the 17th minute when Gianluca Vialli scored an opportunist goal to leave Nantes with four goals to score.

Though Nantes fought bravely and turned the affair into a highly entenaining game, it was a spectacle more than a real contest from

The French team equalized just before halftime through Eric Decroix but Portuguese substitute Paulo Sousa put Juventus ahead again five minutes after the break and goals for Nantes from Japhet N'Doram and Franck Renou in the latter half of the second period

were not enough to change the outcome.

Ajax 3, Panathinaikos 0 Holders Ajax Amsterdam silenced Greek supporters with a vintage performance, brushing aside Panathinaikos to ensure their place in In a dazzling display, Finnish international striker Jari Litmanen netted twice in the fourth

and 77th minutes and substitute Nordin Wooter

Wings, Caps get comeback wins

NEW YORK (AP) - The Detroit Red Wings and Washington Capitals won their NHL playoff openers with surprising comebacks.

The Red Wings, who didn't win a single game during the regular season when they trailed after two periods, scored three goals in a 2:21 span of the third period to beat the Winnipeg Jets 4-1.

Wednesday night.

Although they won an NHL-record 62 games during the regu-lar season, the Red Wings were 0-8-3 when trailing after two periods. Winnipeg led 1-0 going into the final period, but Detroit rallied on goals by Kris Draper, Viacheslav Fetisov, Greg Johnson

and Paul Coffey.

I could sense in the room, between periods, that they were ready to explode," Detroit coach Scotty Bowman said.

Pittsburgh, which won the Northeast Division with 102 points, blew a three-goal lead and lost at home to the Washington

Todd Krygier scored twice during the comeback by the Capitals, who held Mario Lemicux and Jaromir Jagr, the NHL's two top scorers, to a total of three assists. The Capitals scored five straight goals after the Penguins built a 4-I lead in the second period. "We're like Greg Norman - it

seems we can't play with a lead, but we battle back and make a great charge," said Washington backup goaltender Olaf Kolzig. who shat out Pittsburgh over the final 28:51 after starter Jim Carey was pulied. The guys more or less rallied around me."

In other playoff openers Wednesday night, Florida beat Boston 6-3 and Chicago downed Calgary 4-1.

Red Wings 4, Jets 1 The visiting Jets scored on their first shot, by Alexei Zhamnov, and heldthe lead until the Red Wings rallied in the final period. Draper tied it at 2:27 on a rebound, and Fetisov put Detroit ahead at 4:06 on a backhand pass from Sergei Fedorov. Johnson made it 3-1 just 42 seconds later for the Red Wings, who haven't won the Stanley Cup since 1955.

"We were very calm;" said Draper. "There was no panic at "We've got to come out and

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Detroit 4, Winnipeg 1
Winnipeg at Detroit (today)
Detroit leads series 1-0
Vancouver at Colorado (last night)
Colorado at Vancouver (tomorrow)
Colorado leads series 1-0
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Chicago leads series 1-0
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LOCAL SCENE

SHANI Kidmi and Anat Fabrikant, yachtswomen in the 470-Olympic class, sealed their spots in the Olympic team this week when they finished fourth in an international competition in Murcia, Spain. For Atlanta; the two had to place within the first

Also en route to the Games is weightlifter Vacislav Ivanovsky who won both a silver and bronze medal at the European Championships in Norway in the 99kg category, while establishing three new national records.

But fate was against archer Yaron Kolesnik who bas been denied an Olympic berth by the Elite Sport Unit which decided that he has not displayed the standard necessary for an Olympian.

Tennis in the capital Noam Okkun won the International Tennis Federation

HEATHER CHAIT (ITF) youth tennis tournament in Jerusalem yesterday, beaoing Andy Ram 4-6, 6-0, 6-2 in the final and picking up 40 points in the internacional youth rankings. Lara van Rooyen from South Africa won the girls contest, beating Rotem Tefferberg 6-3, 6-2 while Amir Hadad and Harel

Three more Israelis

heading to Atlanta

Levy won the doubles title. Joys of judo Israel's judo saga in the British Open Championships ended rather ignominiously last week-

While Oren Smadja won two fights but lost his third by ippon and Daniella Krokover. Noa Bauer and Sheli Bin also lost in the early rounds, the delegation managed a record score on another front - the hotel bill. When Guy Fogel, Gil Ofer and Arik Ze'evi were ordered by coach Moshe Pono not to go to England for professional reasons, the Brits refused to cancel their hotel rooms, which left the judo union with a bill for three empty rooms for the duration of the five-day

Red Devils stay home The hyped-up interest of Manchester United football cluh in Gadi Brumer fell prey to matters of real life this week.

United assistant manager Brian Kidd and senior scnut Les Kershaw, wbo were slated to examine the Maccabi Tel Aviv centerhalf at tomorrow's game, have canceled their trip because of the security situation. Brumer's dream of changing colors from yellow and blue to the Red Devils will have to smolder a while

Big two clash in Haifa

THE real "match of the season" takes place this weekend, as leaders Maccabi Tel Aviv take on Maccabi Haifa.

Tel Avív will hope to all but dump Haifa's chances of a realisoc shot at the National League ritie. Out with the leaders only three points clear, a win for hosts Haifa at Kiryat Eliezer will see them take over the top spot on goal difference. Both sides will be at full strength for the match and all 20,000 ockets are long gone. Haifa's home ground advantage may count for something, but there is little to choose between the two powerhouses of Israeli

Neither showed particularly good form last week when Haifa beat weak Betar Tel Aviv 2-0 and Maccabi failed to overcome Hapoel in the Tel Aviv derby, the outcome, therefore, hangs very much in the balance.

Another interesting National League clash pitches relegationthreatened Hapoel Kfar Sava against Hapoel Beersheba. The two meet in the Negev in a match neither can afford to lose. Kfar Sava would appear to have the higher morale of the two after winning a crucial game over bottom side Maccabi Jaffa last weekend. A subsequent protest by Jaffa to the IFA was rejected and the 3-I result was allowed to stand. The big Second Division confrontation also takes place this round when second-place Hapoel Jerusalem bost National Leaguebound Hapoel Taiba at Teddy Stadium this afternoon. Taiba are now assured of a National League place next season following the IFA's appeals tribunal's ruling that they should be awarded a technical 2-0 win over Hapoel Ramat

That decision gave them a 20-point lead over third-placed Ironi Ashdod and with only 18 points still to be had, and two teams to be promoted, Taiba can begin to celebrate the first-ever promotion to the top division of a club from the Arab sector.
This weekend's National League fixtures (all kickoffs tomorrow at

16:00 unless stated): Froni Rishon Lezion v. Betar

Jerusalem, Rishon 16:30; Hapoel Petah Tikva v. Hapoel Beit She'an, Petah Tikva, 15:30; Zafririm Holon v. Betar Tel Aviv, Holon; Maccabi Haifa v. Maccabi Tel Aviv, Kiryat Eliezer, 18:00; Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Bnef Yehnda. Bloomfield; Maccabi Herzliya v. Hapoel Haifa, Herzliya 15:30; Hapoel Beersheba v. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Beersheba: Maccabi Jaffa v. Maccabi

Brewers sweep Yankees

Panthers scored three goals in a 77-second span in the first period against Bill Ranford. MILWAUKEE (AP) - Jose Valentin matched his career high with four RBIs, and the Milwaukee Brewers chased David Cone early in an 8-4 victory over the New York Yankees on Wednesday for a sweep of their two-game series. with two goals and an assist for the hostBlackhawks. Murphy,

Cone (2-1), who had surren-dered just one earned run in his first 21 innings this year, gave up six earned runs in five innings and fell behind 4-0 in the first inning. Ricky Bones (1-2) scattered seven hits in 7 1/3 innings for the

Chuckie Carr, starting for the first time since aggravating his left hamstring strain on April 11, led off the first with a single, and took third on Fernando Vina's sin-WEDNESDAY'S AL RESULTS:

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Kevin Seitzer hit a sacrifice fly. and after John Jaha beat out an infield single. Valentin drove in record to start a season. two runs with a double that Baines hit a 412-foot homer in the skipped past first baseman Tino second, but Trim Goodwin ried the score with an RBI single in the third Martinez. He then scored on

single and double in his first game with the Yankees. White Sox 3, Royals 1 Dave Martinez and Harold Baines hornered as Alex Fernandez stayed

Tim Raines went 2-for-4 with a

Cone's wild pitch.

unbeaten at Kansas City. Fernandez (2-1) is 5-0 in Kansas City with a 1.93 ERA there in 56 career innings. He gave up eight hits. struck out six and walked three before Joe Magrane relieved to starting the eighth. Robertn Hernandez pitched the ninth for his third save.

Martinez broke a 1-1 tie in the sixth with his homer nff Kevin Appier (1-AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Frank Thomas extended his himing streak to 14 games, a White Snx

fullowing David Howard's double. NATIONAL LEAGUE Padres 11, Rockies 6 Marc Newfield had four hits and

four RBis - both career highs - to power the host Padres' 17-hit attack. Newfield's three-run humer in the fourth helped the Padres take an 8-2 lead. Starting all three games of the series in left field in place of the injured Rickey Henderson, Newfield went 8-for-13 in the series with two homers and seven RBIs. Wally Joyner and Craig Shipley

added three hits apiece for San Diegn.

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Botham fails in bid to become England selector

LONDON (Reuter) - Former national captain lan Botham has failed in his bid to become an England selector.

Botham was one of eight candidates to fill two vacancies on the England committee, headed by chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth. The 18 first-class counties have instead voted for another former England captain in Essex opener Graham Gooch and Cricketers' Association chief executive David Graveney to join the five-man panel. Graveney bad earlier been nominated to stand against Illingworth for the chairman's job but withdrew when the association, the county cricketers' trade union, warned of a possible conflict of interests.

The result of the vote was announced yesterday by Test and County

Cricket Board chief executive Alan Smith. Graveney, who played county cricket for Gloucestershire, Somerset and Durham, was quick to dismiss any suggestion of a possible conflict with Illingworth.

"I wouldn't have allowed my name to be put forward if I didn't think I could work with Illy," he said. "Now I'm looking forward to trying to help put English cricket back

SCOREBOARD

European Cup Winners' Cup – Rapid Vienna beat Feyenoord of the Netherlands 3-0 yesterday to reach the fmal. Scorers: Carsten Jancker (2nd. 32nd minutes). Christian Stumpf (34th). Aggregate score: 41.

PA policeman fires in air to disperse anti-Khaled demo

A PALESTINIAN policeman fired into the air yesterday to disperse a group of National Religious Party activists demonstrating on the outskirts of Jericho against the return of Palestinian hijacker Leila Khaled

Avi Lerner, one of about 20 demonstrators, said the group was standing just beyond an IDF outpost near the Allenby Bridge terminal, in an area under Palestinian Authority jurisdiction, and protesting against Khaled and against the government for let-

ting her return.
''A Paleatinian policeman came, yelled something that we did not understand, and then fired into the air," Lerner said, adding that the group quickly scurried to the other side of the roadhlock, where IDF soldiers stood with their weapons ready.

One eyewitnesses said the guard, whom he described as "in-furiated," shouted for everyone to go home, and then suddenly fired in the air.

Khaled, who hijacked two passenger planes in 1969 and 1970, later crossed the bridge, kissed the ground, and declared, unre-

LIKUD chairman Binyamin Ne-

tanyahu's has received dozens of

death threats in recent weeks.

leading the General Security Ser-

vice and police to increase their

celebrations, GSS agents had to

convince Netanyahu to wear a

The threats first came in on the

Telemesser call-in phone num-

bers the Likud had made public.

Among the messages recorded

were a number which said "Bibi.

we will kill you," "Bibi, you will

never live to become prime min-

ister," and "Netanyahu will die."

cern, however, was that the

phoned-in threats were later

backed up with similar written

Netanyahu told Likud activists

yesterday "not to yield to provo-

cation and not to allow your-

selves to be gooded into any con-

flict or any violence. All Likud

What gave rise to the GSS con-

bulletproof vest.

Daring the recent Mimouna

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Hijacker Leila Khaled waves to admirers as she arrives in Jericho yesterday for next week's Palestinian National Congress

pentant. "I'm not a terrorist; I'm a freedom fighter," she said. She was greeted by dozens of

cheering supporters in Jericho. Entry permits were also approved for nther Palestine National Council members, including Khaled's hoss. George

Netanyahu receives death threats by phone

meeting of the Likud campaign

The head of the campaign or-

ganization committee, Reuven

Rivlin, charged at the meeting

that "Labor is again resurting to

libel in an attempt to besmirch an

entire camp and associate us all

Rivlin vehemently denied the

claims of Yoav Doga, an aide to

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-

Eliezer, that he had been set

upon by Likud activists early

MK Ariel Sharon did not show

up for the meeting, saying he had

previous commitments. Some as-

cribed his absence to tension be-

tween him and Netanyahu, who,

according to Likud sources, did

not like Sharon's remarks about

the need to expand the security

Wednesday marning.

activists must behave only ac- zone in Lebanon to the Litani cording to the campaign team's River. However, both Netanyahu instructions and must take no ini- and Sharon denied these reports.

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[Yitzhak] Rahin's

steering committee,

Hahash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - who has announced he will not be coming - and Mohammed (Abul) Abbas, mastermind of the 1985 Achille Lauro hijacking. whose men killed American pas-

liaison to the religious sector, de-

nied that the Likud is campaign-

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Eli was reacting to threats hy

the United Torah Judaism MK

Avraham Ravitz that "should the

Likud go after haredi votes in the

Knesset race, we will instruct our

people not to vote for Netanyahu

Mordechai reported that the par-

ty will officially kick off its cam-

paign at the Jerusalem Interna-

tional Convention Center on

April 24 and that it will close it in

Jerusalem's Sacher Park on May

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Likud campaign chief Yitzhak

"We are campaigning in that

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Palestinian Anthority President Arafat has promised Prime Minister Shimon Peres that the PNC would amend the Palestinian Covenant by May 7.

Khaled said she would vote against changing the covenant because Palestinians didn't have a state yet.

"I will vote against the changing of the covenant because my people still need to get their rights," she told The Associated

In all, Israel has approved the return of 445 exiled Palestinians so they can participate in the PNC meeting, said Shlomo Dror, a spokesman for Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor, government coordinator in the territories.

Dror said Abul Abbas would not be Israel's responsibility. "Arafat will have to explain to the Americans or the Italians why he is not handing him over."

Peres's spokeswoman Aliza Goren said the US is aware of Israel's commitment to let all PNC members return. "Our actions to secure the amendment of the Palestinian Covenant are coordinated with the US," she said.

Hijacking victim remembers the fear

ONE Jerusalemite who nawillingly got to know Leila Khaled when she tried to hijack his plane 26 years ago was not surprised by the government's decision to allow her to attend the Palestinian National Council meeting in Gaza next week.

"It appears to be perfectly consistent with the government's poiicy to allow terrorists to roam free," said Dr. Joel Fredman, 38, in a telephone interview from his dental clinic.

Fredman recalled his plane trip back to the US with his parents, brother, and sister after celebrating his bar mitzvah at the Wall.

We boarded an El Al plane to New York," he said. "Suddenly the plane nose-dived over the ocean and people started to scream. Lond clapping noises [gunshots] were heard and minutes later the plane leveled off."

The plane was forced to make an emergency landing at Heathrow Airport in London, but "not before the pilot dumped excess fuel into the sea," Fredman said.

He remembered the incredible fear he felt and how, after landing the plane was immediately surrounded by ambulances, police cars, television crews, and

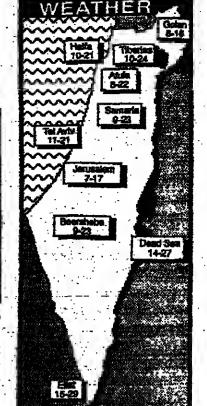


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"We were led into the airport and it was only then we fally imderstood that there had been an attempted hijacking," he said.

Fredman, who sat with his family toward the back of the plane, said that the terrorists had tried to reach the cockpit. Khaled'a accomplice was shot dead by a secunity guard and, according to Fred-man, Khaled was pounced upon by passengers and pinned to the floor until the plane landed.

Khaled was initially taken to Ealing Police station and then released in a deal made between Arab terrorists and the British



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